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EDITORIAL

OFFERS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Premier Brownlee's announcement that the Northern railways will not be sold on the basis of the offers hitherto received has been greeted with almost universal approval in the press of Alberta. We think it is beyond question that the Government's decision meets with the approval of the people of all sections of the Province.

As recently announced by Hon. V. W. Smith, the earnings of the E.D. and B.C. line for the first three months of this year were more than double the earnings for a similar period of 1927, and there is some possibility, if improvement is maintained, as there seems to be every reason to expect it will be, that fixed charges as well as operating expenses may be met out of the year's revenue. The rapid development of the Peace River country will increase the attractiveness of the railway to future bidders; in the meantime, the line has ceased to be a white elephant.

The case for the rejection of the companies' offers was cogently expressed by the *Calgary Herald*, in an editorial immediately following the announcement. Referring to the Government's stipulation that if the E.D. and B.C. is disposed of, the A. and G.W. will have to go too, since the Province is not disposed to be

left with "the worse half of its railway problem on its hands", the *Herald* says:

That is not an unreasonable stipulation. Together these lines may work out profitably on the whole; separated and the Province left with the Waterways line on its hands, it would certainly be up against trouble for an undetermined period.

No better time could have been selected for continuation of Government operation of these two lines. Already this year business of the E.D. and B.C. is reported to be one hundred per cent. better than a year ago for the same period.

Referring to the prospect of continued improvement in the financial position of the line, the *Herald* concludes:

That will mean [a] considerable easing of the annual railway burden of the Province. Also it will mean something important in the way of value demonstration for the northern lines. It is always difficult to get a fair price for a thing under forced sale; it is specially difficult to obtain a real value [price for something that at the moment is going behind financially. One of these fine days Alberta's northern railway lines are going to become real money-makers for whoever owns them. The more quickly this fact can be demonstrated the better [the price bidders will be ready to offer for them.

E.D. & B.C. BILL MUST BE PASSED

Thanks to the paltry tactics of certain Liberal members of Parliament, the legislation which is required at Ottawa to enable the Alberta Government to proceed with necessary extensions of the E.D. and B.C. railway was temporarily blocked on May 4th. It is the plain duty of the Government, which gave assurance of their approval of the bill, to provide the necessary facilities. To fail in this duty would be to do grave injustice to the people of the Peace River country.

When a matter of principle is at stake, or when legislation before the House is regarded as defective in detail, to fight for an amendment to the point even of talking out a bill, may at times be justified. But in this instance there was no such ground for opposition. It was evident that the opposing members were actuated, not by any thought of principle, but by exceedingly shabby motives. This even Alberta Liberal newspapers which have attempted to condone the blocking tactics have tacitly admitted.

The original delay was due to a clerical error made quite unintentionally by the Liberal chairman of the railway committee. But for this error, whose unintentional

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Call to Annual Conference Issued

Federal Gathering will Discuss Important Problems in Calgary, July 6th

In accordance with the announcement made in *The U.F.A.* some time ago, notice has been mailed to U.F.A. Federal Constituency Associations calling the Annual Conference of the U.F.A. Central Board, U.F.A. Federal Members, and two representatives from each of the Federal Constituency Associations, which will be held at Calgary, Friday, July 6th, commencing at 10 a.m.

Delegates to the Conference will be able to avail themselves of the reduced railway fares which will be in effect for the Calgary Fair, on July 4th, 5th and 6th.

A very interesting Conference is anticipated. Every Constituency is urged to send a full quota of delegates.

PLAN TO HOLD PICNIC

Collingwood U.F.A. Local and the Women's Institute of the district are arranging a picnic to be held near the Collingwood School on July 4th.

PLAN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

"A very well attended meeting of Brooks Local U.F.A. was held in Hotel Newell on April 25th. The horse committee reported some progress and after considerable discussion a committee was appointed to interview local horse owners. The Secretary reported the appointment of Mr. John Cuthbert as Magistrate for Brooks. Co-operative shipping of live stock was discussed at some length and the secretary was instructed to get some further information on the subject. Members are to be fined for non-attendance in the future, so we expect to see one hundred per cent out at our next meeting. Some very encouraging reports have come to hand from other Locals regarding the forming of a District Association. This matter will be up for discussion at our next meeting. Other topics for discussion will be co-operative marketing of live-stock, Wheat Pool elevator for Brooks, Telephones."—*Brooks Bulletin*.

Community Picnic on June 24th

Will be Held 15 Miles Northwest of Hanna and 12 Miles Northeast of Craigmyle

To all U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior Locals on the Goose Lake line of the C.N.R. and the Stettler-Coronation line of the C.P.R.:

A U.F.A. community picnic will be held at Clear Lake, 15 miles northwest of Hanna, and 12 miles northeast of Craigmyle, on Sunday, June 24th. Visitors will please bring their own lunch, and we will endeavor to have luncheon finished by 1:30, so as to be prepared for the speaking, which will commence at

PEMBINA CONVENTION JUNE 20th

To the Secretaries of All Locals in the Pembina Provincial Constituency:

The regular midsummer convention of the above Association will be held in the school house at Barrhead on Wednesday, June 20th, beginning at eleven o'clock.

Locals will be entitled to send delegates as in the past in the proportion of one delegate to ten or major portion of ten. Any Junior Locals are cordially invited to send delegates.

It is expected that the Hon. J. E. Brownlee will be present and address the Convention and we are endeavoring to have Mrs. Gunn present as well.

Visitors will be welcome.

Faternally yours,

A. R. BROWN,
Secretary.

2 p.m. Coffee will be provided free, and a refreshment booth will be in operation.

Will all the U.F.A. members and everyone interested in the aims and ideals of the farmers' movement make an effort to be present on this day. We are holding the gathering on June 24th, instead of June 17th, the real U.F.A. Sunday, as we could not get our speakers on that date. There will be a free-for-all discussion on U.F.A. ideals and principles for a short period after the speakers have concluded. The speakers will be William Irvine, M.P., and someone speaking in behalf of the U.F.W.A.

Everybody welcome.

Mrs. MARY BANNER, U.F.W.A.
Director, Acadia.

J. K. SUTHERLAND, U.F.A. Director, Acadia.

IN HEALTHY CONDITION

Belvedere U.F.A. Local now have a membership of 26, and have just organized a Junior branch, states J. E. Chambers, secretary, in a recent letter. "During the past year," he adds, "we have held debates and a spelling bee, whilst after our monthly meetings the ladies have given us tea and refreshments. The Pembina Valley line, coming into this district, has also helped us in the way of debatable matter, as the road problem has to be solved, to enable us to take advantage of the line. The Local is in a healthy condition, and we are ready to do our bit whenever the opportunity comes along."

ON MERITS OF CASE

At a meeting of the council of the municipality of Blackfoot on May 21st, "a resolution was passed extending to J. C. Buckley, M.L.A., the thanks of the council for his co-operation and time in bringing the matter of the Dominion highway to such a satisfactory conclusion," states the *Calgary Albertan*. When this

matter was referred to on the occasion of a visit to *The U.F.A.* by Mr. Buckley, the member remarked: "I think I am getting far too much credit, for unless the conditions had warranted the highway being routed as it has been, Hon. O. L. McPherson, the Minister of Public Works, would never have permitted it, as he invariably makes his decisions on the merits of the case only."

Annual Convention Wetaskiwin, June 20

William Irvine, M.P., and Other Speakers Will Address Gathering

The Annual Convention of the Wetaskiwin Federal Constituency Association will be held in the U.F.A. Hall, Wetaskiwin, on Thursday, June 21st, commencing at 10 a.m. Wm. Irvine, M.P., and other speakers, will address the Convention. A banquet is being arranged for the evening, and representatives from the Pools will be present.

The basis of representation is one delegate for every ten members paid up in the Association. The dues are 50c per member and should be forwarded to Central Office, or may be handed in by delegate on the day of the Convention.

Send Full Quota

Your Board wishes to emphasize the importance of this Annual Convention and would urge every Local to send a full quota of delegates. All resolutions from Locals intended for the U.F.A. Annual Convention in January, 1929, must be brought before this meeting. Visitors will be welcome and all members are urged to attend and help to make this Annual Convention a real success.

Yours truly,

Mrs. E. E. SPARKS,
Secretary.

BINGLEY MONTHLY MEETING

"The Bingley U.F.A. held their usual monthly meeting recently. We had a very interesting time. The subjects discussed were Government road work and municipal doctoring. Most of the members took part in the discussion. There was a motion passed unanimously to the effect that the council have the option of deciding where and how much work be done on the Government road. There was also an unanimous vote pledging the Bingley U.F.A. to oppose the proposed move for a municipal doctor. The Rocky Mountain House board of trade was strongly represented at the meeting. Mr. Beveridge, Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Ross spoke on the subject of a municipal doctor. Each one dealt on the matter from a different standpoint, but each one seemed fair and to the point. After the meeting coffee and cake was served, and a short concert helped to pass an enjoyable evening. The next U.F.A. meeting will be held on the first Monday in June at the Bingley School House, at 8 p.m."—*The Mountaineer*.

Wheat Seeding Is About Completed

Fortnightly Crop Report of Publicity
Commissioner, Alberta Department
of Agriculture

EDMONTON, May 26th.—Seeding of wheat is practically completed throughout the Province and from forty to fifty percent of coarse grains have been sown, according to telegraphic reports received on May 25th, by the Department of Agriculture.

The reports to date indicate that there will be some increase in wheat acreage over that of 1927, largely owing to the amount of land summerfallowed and newly broken last year. Quite a number of farmers are still holding some of their stubble ground in the hope that rain may come within the next few days, in which case wheat will be sown up to the first of June.

Much of the success of the present season's crop depends on rainfall in the near future, as precipitation during the month of May has been considerably below the average, and the prevalence of high winds over a large part of the Province has greatly reduced the supply of moisture in the soil. A number of districts report that rain is necessary before satisfactory germination will take place, and in certain areas of lighter land losses from soil drifting are reported.

Early sown crop on summerfallowed land, however, is doing well and is from four to six inches in height in many localities. The percentage of crop stubbled in this season is somewhat higher than usual.

In some southern districts the alfalfa crop is in need of moisture where irrigation has been delayed. A fair stand of sugar beets is reported, cutworms having caused considerable damage in some fields.

In the Peace River section the season is ahead of last year and the crop on summerfallow is promising, but grain seeded on stubble land requires rain to ensure an even stand.

STAINSLIGH U.F.W.A.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Stainsleigh U.F.W.A. Local was held at the home of Mrs. J. Blume on Saturday evening, May 19th. The following ladies were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Wm. Pickard; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. H. O. Biebe; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. George Murray; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. B. Wright; Directors, Mrs. Mears, Mrs. M. McDonald and Mrs. Blume.

After the regular business was disposed of there was a discussion on co-operative fruit buying. Mrs. Blume, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Jiggs, served a very refreshing tea. The next meeting will be held in the Stainsleigh School, on Saturday night, June 23rd. Every member is requested to be present also to bring one new member.

WAR AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

"Every sane person knows that mankind betrays its best interests when it hangs the glamor of romance over war. War is war, and romance redeems it when you look through the wrong end of Time's telescope, and by turning a page you can assure yourself of the ultimate glory of your heroes. The perversion which organized war

demands only displays its full horror when seen through the conflicting emotions of a highly sensitive free man who has set himself war as a task Somebody has got to do some hard thinking and true feeling about this plague of war.

Are not the homes of wisdom and learning the places where this thinking should begin? Or are they still as hobbled by tradition as when Shelley was sent down?"—Max Plowman in *The New Adelphi*, London.

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BRAINS TO SPARE

"You ain't got no brains, man."
"Ain't got no brains? Why, Ah got some brains what ain't nevah been used."
—Chatham News.

Correspondence

CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS, 1928

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

The Annual Congress of the Canadian Co-operative Union is to be held at Lloydminster, Sask., on Tuesday and Wednesday, and, if necessary, Thursday, the 26th, 27th and 28th June. It is an event of particular importance this year.

At its recent meeting at Bremen, Germany, the executive of the International Co-operative Alliance authorized General Secretary Henry J. May, O.B.E., to come to Canada expressly for the purpose of attending it. This decision was a new departure for the Alliance, as it is the first time in its history it will be represented at a national co-operative congress outside Europe. The Alliance comprises co-operative societies with an aggregate membership of fifty millions who, with their families, form a co-operative population of two hundred million people. Mr. May is one of the most distinguished of international co-operators, and his position has given him a practical experience of the Co-operative Movement in every country which is probably unique.

Delegates from C.W.S.

I have also been advised by the secretary of The Co-operative Wholesale Society, England, that the Board of Directors has appointed two of its number, Messrs. A. W. Golightly and J. Oliver, and its chief wheat buyer, Mr. A. H. Hobley, to be its fraternal delegation to the Lloydminster Congress. These representatives of the world's greatest productive, distributive and financial co-operative federation are men of large practical business, as well as co-operative, knowledge and experience. Mr. Cedric Long, Executive Secretary of the Co-operative League U.S.A. and Mr. A. V. Alanne, Secretary of the Northern States Co-operative League, have also arranged to be present. In addition, there will be in attendance some of the most successful managers of consumers' co-operative societies in Canada, as well as directors of considerable practical experience.

The farmers of Western Canada are showing a renewal of interest in Consumers' Co-operation. Many groups have the organization of societies in contemplation. This Congress provides them with a splendid opportunity not only of gaining considerable knowledge on the subject from outstanding authorities, but in conversation individually with them, in getting advice of value on the problems likely to confront such groups in the organizational period, and in the establishment of societies on a sound basis.

I shall be glad, therefore, if you will give me an opportunity through your columns to extend a cordial invitation to any group contemplating or desiring information as to the organization and operation of consumers' societies to accredit fraternal delegates to the Congress. I shall be glad to furnish credential forms upon request.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE KEEN,

General Secretary.

The Co-operative Union of Canada,
Brantford, Ont.

"FREEDOM OF THE AIR"

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

I have read with interest your editorial in April the 2nd issue of *The U.F.A.*, in which you comment upon the Dominion
(Continued on page 27)

New Policy for Alberta Pool Elevators

Excess Earnings of Elevators for 1927-28 Crop Year Will Be Returned to Patrons—Elevators Will Hereafter Be Operated on "Cost to Patrons" Basis

BY POOL PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

Wheat Pool elevators in Alberta will be operated on a cost basis to patrons. This decision was reached by the seventy delegates assembled in convention in Calgary on May 29th and 30th. It was decided to make this policy retro-active. The excess earnings of the elevator system during the 1927-28 crop year will be disbursed to the Pool members who put their grain through these elevators.

The change in elevator policy was recommended to the delegates by the Directors and two proposals submitted. The first proposal was to eliminate handling and service charges upon delivery of the grain to the Pool elevator and deduct the actual operating cost on a per-bushel basis from the final Wheat Pool payment. This method was adopted by the delegates after a lengthy discussion.

The second proposal was to make the usual elevator charges to Pool members delivering their grain and to refund to patrons at the end of the fiscal year any excess charges over and above actual operating and overhead costs. The Saskatchewan Pool embodies this policy in the operation of its elevators.

Heretofore the Alberta Pool has operated its elevators on a non-patronage basis. The excess earnings were distributed over the entire membership. For instance: the net profits of the Alberta Pool elevators for the 1926-27 year were approximately \$327,000. This was distributed to the membership and resulted in an increase in the final payment of three-quarters of a cent a bushel.

The new policy decided upon will mean handling grain at cost by Pool elevators on the following basis: (1) through Pool country houses; (2) platform shipments to Pool terminals; (3) through non-pool line elevators to Pool terminals.

Purpose of Change

The purpose of this new system is to increase the volume of grain passing through Pool elevators. C. M. Hall, General Manager of the elevator system, in addressing the delegates, strongly urged that members use their own facilities to the fullest extent. He pointed out that only by following this policy could the elevator system be able to function with the greatest economy, and the full objective for which the system was built be realized. This coming harvest the Alberta Pool will have close to 300 line elevators in operation and three terminals at the Pacific coast. *In order to bring the greatest possible return to Pool members with the maximum protection in weights and grades, Mr. Hall suggested that every effort be made to have Pool grain handled through Pool elevators.*

George McIvor, General Sales Manager addressed the delegates and pointed out the advantage to the Selling Agency of having Pool grain in Pool elevators readily available to complete sales at any time. He stated that by placing their grain in their own elevators, Pool members can assist Pool salesmen to get better prices for their grain.

The new policy laid down by the Pool delegates will mean something new in co-operative effort in Canada, if not in the world. It means that *members will be charged only the bare cost of operat-*

ing the elevator facilities. When they haul their grain into Pool houses no service or elevator charges will be made. At the end of the fiscal year the actual operating cost will be available and will be deducted from the final Wheat Pool payment.

The decision to change the elevator policy was arrived at only after prolonged consideration. Every angle of the question was full considered and debated.

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FARM STORAGE

The following recommendation of the Directors was adopted by the Delegates:

In order to meet the requirements of the grower members and in view of the importance from a sales standpoint of using Pool facilities to the utmost, the Board of Directors recommend that an indemnity by way of a payment for "farm storage" be given to members who are able to retain a portion of their wheat on the farm until such time as the local Pool elevator is able to handle the same and that they, the Board of Directors, be authorized to formulate regulations for the operation of the proposal.

As a basis for the system the Board suggest and recommend that an additional payment to Pool members delivering Pool wheat to Pool facilities or wheat loaded over the platform be made on and after December 15th and that the payments be as follows:

A maximum of one cent per bushel from December 15th to January 15th.

An additional maximum of one cent per bushel for wheat delivered after January 15th.

As a matter of equity among our members it is also proposed to grant this indemnity to farmers shipping through points where there are no Pool facilities so far available.

It is further suggested that before putting the proposal into effect it be discussed with the sister Pools with a view to, if possible, obtaining uniformity throughout the three Prairie Provinces.

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E. B. Ramsay, Manager of the Central Selling Agency, addressed the Wheat Pool delegates on the matter of grading. He is a member of the committee appointed to go into the question of grading with

a view to suggesting improvements. He told the delegates of the plans under way and answered a number of questions.

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Among the visitors at the session of Wheat Pool delegates were: Premier Brownlee; A. J. McPhail, President of the Central Selling Agency and President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; E. B. Ramsay, Manager of the Central Selling Agency; George McIvor, General Sales Manager.

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Premier Brownlee in a 15 minute address, told of the large way in which the Canadian Wheat Pool loomed in the grain business in Great Britain. While the Pool was known and respected on every hand the names of some of the largest private grain and elevator firms in Western Canada were not even known by many British grain firms.

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A. J. McPhail, President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, brought greetings from that Pool to the delegates of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Combine User Cites His Experience

"Why I Began to Use a Combine, and the Economic Results"

By P. J. ENZENAUER, M.L.A.

As a matter of public interest, may I be permitted through *The U.F.A.*, to reply to a number of enquiries re my experience as a Combine user: why I began using a Combine, and what were the economic results.

I might say that in 1921, when deflation threatened me—along with others engaged in agriculture—with bankruptcy, there appeared at that time three major or key defects that stood in the way of Western farm prosperity.

1. Marketing inefficiency, causing a disparity of values as between services rendered.

2. Credit control not impartial, causing excess fluctuation of values inconsistent with supply and demand.

3. Employment of transient labor instead of resident, to a much greater degree than was necessary in our farming, thus making labor too costly to meet world competition in wheat.

This last, while the least important from an economic point of view, stood out rather conspicuously because it lent itself to the approach of the individual, hence the experimental endeavor to eliminate all unnecessary threshing labor, stooking and twine in the harvesting operation. This has been done without suffering either deterioration of quality or waste of grain, as compared with stook threshing.

The Writer's Recommendations

Inasmuch as our Western climatic conditions require on account of frost, rust, hail, shelling and other causes, that grain be cut at the earliest possible moment (having due regard for excessive shrinkage that will result from too early cutting) in the light of past experience, the writer believes the following practice is the best suited for our conditions: Three 8 foot binders with binder heads

detached, and equipped with facilities so that all three machines deliver into one windrow representing 24 feet of grain delivered in such a way that straw in the windrow will be lying crosswise to machine travel spread out fan like and partly lapping, covering sufficient area so that the stubble has ample carrying strength to hold grain off the ground. This makes a very flexible cutting unit for an uneven topography. (This should not be confused with a windrow 20 or 24 feet shot over the end of a continuous table hitting the ground with a thud). The above cutting unit, drawn by a 15-30 tractor makes a proper load, and in uniform stand of grain requires one man to operate with a capacity of 8 to 10 acres per hour.

Ready for Threshing Sooner

Grain cut in this way will be suitable for threshing in about 20 per cent less time than similar grain stooked. The threshing operation consists of using a 15 foot Combination Harvester, but using only sufficient of the cutter bar or platform to accomodate an 8 foot Rotary action Pickup, running at a speed syn-

chronized with the traction speed, which should not exceed 1½ miles per hour, to avoid shelling. A 15 foot combine handling a 24 foot windrow harmonizes well, making a proper load for 15-30 tractor.

The platform and pickup should be sensitively counterbalanced, preferably with long lever and proper weight, to overcome any jumpy or springy motion, and left to float so that a proper ground contact can be made to assure a thorough pickup. The fore carriage on combine should be eliminated and tractor equipped with semi-trailer three action coupler. This will give steadier combine performance, and increased tractor efficiency, by virtue of part of the load being carried on the tractor, as well as making it possible to extend tractor steering column 4 feet back to combine platform, eliminating one man, plus having both pickup and tractor under direct observation of tractor driver, making it much easier than having to look back. This makes a one man outfit. The advantage of starting threshing in centre of field (which is possible by virtue of cutting machines being left-handed, and combine right-handed) saves one man in handling threshed grain, as

well as doing this work on threshed ground, again eliminating waste by keeping away from unthreshed windrows.

The capacity is about four acres per hour.

Capital Investment

The capital investment is about 15 per cent higher than a stook threshing outfit of similar size. If straw is required for feed it can be bucked to end of field. If spread out on field and burned every alternate year, it makes the best weed exterminator possible. All the straw plowed under when land is summer fallowed, gives ample fibre in the land, making a convenient two crop in three year rotation.

Moreover, it certainly is a boon to the transient harvester who comes West to help take care of our crop, and often loses his time and after paying his expenses for trip is out of pocket some money, arrives back East more or less disappointed, and champions higher tariffs as a revenge, making it bad for all parties concerned.

These are my conclusions, as the result of past experience.

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tional character is unquestioned, the bill would have gone through. An Edmonton Liberal saw fit, however, in a letter to the press, to declare: "Mr. Kennedy takes full responsibility" for the oversight. It is merely necessary to refer to Hansard April 17th, page 2215, to see that the letter writer's statement is quite untrue, for on this page the chairman's acceptance of responsibility is quoted: "If the figures are not right, there must have been an error on my part in putting them down."

It is true that the writer of the letter in which the record is falsified is not a Liberal of whom his party is proud. But apparently there are Liberal papers in this Province which, with the record of Hansard before them, are willing to allow a false impression to be given through their columns to the public. In doing so they are rendering a disservice to the people whose interests they profess to serve.

It was at a later sitting, occasioned by this delay, that the blockading tactics were resorted to.

As the *Edmonton Journal* observed:

"It would be little short of a national crime if it (the E.D. and B.C. bill) should fail to pass before prorogation. Those responsible for its blocking have shown themselves very poor Canadians and their small-minded tactics must not be allowed to succeed."

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THE OCCASION OF THE "REPRISALS"

It happens that Mr. Kennedy, the member for Peace River, against whose bill the blockade was directed as an alleged "reprisal" for action taken on certain bridge bills, had not participated in the bridge bill debate, his only contribution to the so-called blocking of the bills being three lines of questions out of about thirty pages of Hansard. The matter is set forth very clearly by William Irvine in an article which appeared in the last issue of *The Alberta Labor News*, which read in part as follows:

"The bill granting a franchise to the Alberta Government Railway for extension, and which stands in the name of Mr. Kennedy, of Peace River, was talked out deliberately by Mr. Hepburn, a member on the Government side. He announced his intention and gave his reason. The reason, he said, was in the nature of a reprisal because United Farmer members had moved amendments to certain bills in which he was interested."

"To make clear the childishness of Mr. Hepburn's position, I will indicate exactly what he did. I had moved an amendment to clause 12 of bill No. 23. The effect of this amendment was to prevent the watering of stock which said

clause 12 provided for. Bill No. 23, it must be remembered, is a bill for the organization of a private company. Now Mr. Hepburn, out of childish spite, moves the same amendment word for word to the Alberta Railway Bill. Now, the Alberta Railway Bill is not a private company concern. The Alberta Government owns and controls the railway in question. The Government does not issue stock at all; therefore, no watering could take place. And if the stock were issued and watering did take place, such watering would be to the profit of the people and not to a private company, as in the case of the Sarnia Bridge Bill. Furthermore, there is no clause in the Alberta Railway Bill providing for stock watering as there was in the Sarnia Bridge Bill to which my amendment was moved and to which Mr. Hepburn took offence.

"It will be seen therefore that Mr. Hepburn moved an amendment to a public ownership bill, and the amendment prohibited the watering of stock in a bill where no stock issue is provided for and in connection with which no watering of stock is possible. The real point of Mr. Hepburn's action was that unless we sit quiet on a matter of principle while he passes privileges to private companies, he will prevent the passing of a franchise for the extension of a publicly owned utility in the Province of Alberta."

"It must be said that the Government through Honorable Charles Dunning expressed strong disapproval of his action. Nevertheless Mr. Kennedy's bill, which had been voted precedence by the House, went to the bottom of the list. Meanwhile, the Alberta Government is prevented from proceeding with this public service as they were in readiness to do, and the line may not now be completed in time to serve the community in the moving of the next crop."

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The committee in charge of arrangements for the meeting of the Alberta Institute of Agriculture report that there is every prospect of a very large attendance. We understand that there is still some accommodation available, and would suggest that any of our readers who desire to attend, but whose applications have not been sent in by the cut-off date (June 1st), should do so, as the committee may be able to accept a limited number of late applications.

BRITONS IN BONDAGE

(Montreal Witness)

Somebody said: "Britons never, never, never will be slaves." Somebody else said: "You may chain the eagle's wing but you cannot chain the mind." Yet Lord Rothermere seems to be trying to be the Mussolini of the British people and tell them what, and what not, to think. He is buying up the people's papers everywhere. It is a kind of bondage that men do not much feel, seeing that it is their minds that are led captive. Still the Britons will presently find that they are not their own masters "if they don't watch out." But what are they to do about it? The only thing to do is to combine in groups and support—that is, be willing to pay the cost of producing—their own newspapers, and cease to depend on the brewers and all sorts of advertisers to give them, in the way of opinions, what they, the advertisers, prefer.

The House of Commons and Financial Reform

Independent Groups Secure Investigation — Finance Minister Sabotages Inquiry but Real Progress Made—The Need for Organized Action—And the Vital Question of "Social Credit."



By WILLIAM IRVINE,
U.F.A. Member for Wetaskiwin

OTTAWA, May 20.—The Parliament of any country elected by a majority vote of its citizens is and in fact must be as a general rule the last place from which a real reform could be expected. Parliament is a register of public opinion. That fact must be faced even though at times we may not think much of the opinion which it registers, nor agree with the methods used in developing the opinion. Governments, therefore, seldom initiate anything of a fundamental character, and any proposal which has not the sanction of the past or which has not been urged by the people in some manner receives scant consideration.

And yet it is not impossible to initiate a real reform in Parliament nor would such a possibility be contrary to the democratic theory upon which our Parliamentary system is based. For one member elected perhaps on an issue which as yet may be scarcely heard of in the country as a whole, not only has the authority of his people for introducing it, but may, through bringing it to the attention of the House, gain for it acceptance among the general public. The finance question in our own Parliament is a case in point.

AN ARRESTING CHALLENGE IN 1923

During the enquiry into the basis, function and control of financial credit which ensued as a result of my resolution in 1923-1924, the left wing of Parliament fought a lone and discouraging battle. True we were able to explode some of the theories which underlie orthodox finance, but the great majority of parliamentarians were indignant at our presumptuousness, and wrapped up their minds, so to speak, in a doubtful blanket of security, which was that the financial system could not be improved and that we in particular had the best system in the world. Nevertheless our challenge of the system was a fact which arrested attention outside of Parliament. People began to question, to seek information, to reflect, so that today few even in Parliament will question the propriety of further study of banking and credit, and perhaps few would go so far as to say that the system now in practice could not be improved upon.

Of course conditions in other countries, especially in Britain and the United States, have assisted greatly in the change of attitude above noted. In 1923 the Labor Party of Britain rejected the analysis of Major Douglas and practically endorsed the financial theories of orthodox economists. But on the 17th of April, 1928, we find a very decided change of opinion. The Conference between Labor and Capital submitted on that date a memorandum to the British Government signed by Sir Alfred Mond representing the Capitalists and Ben Turner for Labor.

CHIEF EMPHASIS ON CREDIT POLICY

In this memorandum the chief emphasis is placed upon the problem of financial credit. It advocates a greater elasticity of credit and requests the Government to

We print below a very clear survey of the work done in Parliament in behalf of Credit Reform by members of the U.F.A. and other independent groups.

Mr. Irvine was the mover of a resolution which led in 1923 to the first inquiry into Social Credit ever held in any Parliament in the British Empire. Certain reforms in the Bank Act were obtained in that year through the pressure of the Independent groups, and the whole basis of credit was subjected to a close examination.

Further progress has been made at the 1928 session, in spite of obstacles thrown in the way of obtaining evidence from experts who challenge the prevailing system. "Investigation," Mr. Irvine points out, "means ultimate victory for credit reformers."

The next article in the U.F.A. members' series will be contributed by Robert Gardiner, M.P., chairman of the U.F.A. group. It will be published in our issue of June 15th.

institute a full enquiry with a view to devising the best sort of credit policy for Britain and that this shall be done at once before any other step is taken. Mention should also be made here of the work of Right Honorable Reginald McKenna in his influential capacity as Chairman of the Midland Bank. He is one of the few bankers of the world who knows what the proper function of a bank should be and who understands the economic significance of improper credit control. He uses his opportunity in making his annual address to the shareholders, to analyze the credit problem and to urge a better system. He wants a system in which trade shall determine credit issue

rather than a stupid gold basis which has no intelligent relation to or connection with any thing of importance.

GOLD BASIS DISREGARDED IN U.S.A.

Meanwhile, things are moving in the United States. The Central Reserve Bank in its efforts to prevent inflation and deflation has been forced to disregard the gold basis and, as McKenna says in respect thereto, "the effect of inflowing gold has been nullified in accordance with the dictates of policy"—"and credit was actually increased in response to the needs of business" and not as heretofore in response to the presence of gold. And further, McKenna says in respect to what has been going on in America since the war:

"The American price level is not affected by gold movements, but is controlled by the policy of the reserve banks in expanding or contracting credit. It follows, therefore, that it is not the value of gold in America which determines the value of the dollar, but the value of the dollar which determines the value of gold."

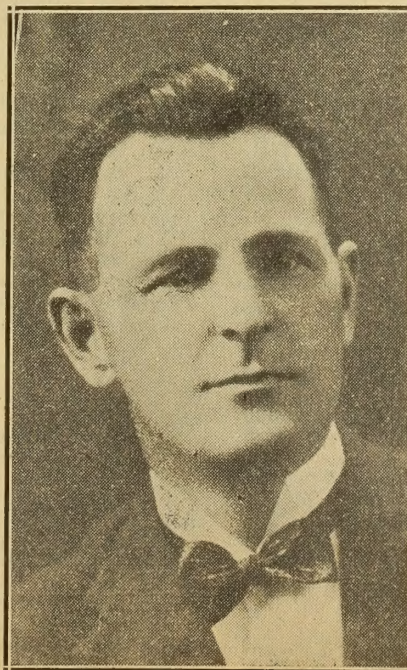
CONGRESS TO INQUIRE INTO REFORMERS' PROPOSALS

And while this "heresy" is being practised by the Reserve Bank, another interesting investigation is going on in America. I understand that Congress is going to investigate the suggestions of Foster and Catchings in connection with finance. These writers on the subject claim that alternating periods of prosperity and depression are inevitable while there is no means of putting into the pockets of consumers sufficient purchasing power to buy out production at any given moment. They hold that since a manufacturer must ask, in order to make a profit, more for his output than he paid out in production, and since the only means consumers have of obtaining purchasing power is through the money paid by the manufacturer in the process of production, there must remain of any given output a surplus which consumers have no money to buy. This surplus of goods over purchasing power grows gradually until the factory has to close down and depression becomes acute. That Congress has decided to enquire into the problem is in itself of great significance.

Financial Reform and the Session of 1928

The above reference to the growth and spreading of an idea brings me to our own efforts in the present session of Parliament. Mr. Woodsworth's resolution asking for the nationalization of the banks, which was moved early in the session, was in danger of being defeated. At his request I moved the following amendment in order that we might be able to get the matter before the Committee on Banking and Commerce:

"That in the opinion of this House the time has come for the consideration of the improvement of our banking system and that the Banking and Com-



WILLIAM IRVINE, M.P.

merce Committee be instructed to study possible improvements and report thereon."

My amendment carried, the committee investigated and has just made its report which Parliament has endorsed.

The whole proceedings of this enquiry have been published and should be interesting in many respects. If a perusal of the proceedings of the committee in connection with the credit issue does not enlighten, it should at least reveal the psychological attitude of bankers and parliamentarians to the suggestion of Social Credit.

H. E. SPENCER'S WORK IN PARLIAMENT

Mr. Spencer, M.P., of Battle River, deserves great credit for his diligent, able and effective work as an advocate of Social Credit, and in particular for his work in Parliament in respect to the investigation just concluded. After much questioning and argument, I think Mr. Spencer has at last convinced the bankers that when John Jones borrows a hundred dollars from a bank that he does not borrow the one hundred dollars which John Smith has deposited on savings account. Rather than John Jones borrowed one hundred dollars of his own credit and made a corresponding deposit in the form of security. Hence, every loan becomes a deposit and the theory of the bankers which might have been true in the infancy of banking is no longer true.

Those of us who are pioneers in the advocacy of credit reform have no expectation that we will waken up some fine morning to find the whole system of national finance organized on a Social Credit Basis. We know, on the contrary, how far we are from such a happy consummation, no matter how devoutly we may wish its immediate establishment. With every point, therefore, which we can force the bankers to yield to, reason robs them of an excuse for continuing their outworn system with its superstition for a gold basis, and with their private profit as an end rather than economic function. Men like Mr. Spencer are the heroes in a fight like this.

RECOMMENDATION OF BANKING COMMITTEE

Let me quote the important part of the committee's recommendation which Parliament concurred in a few days ago:

"The preponderance of evidence indicated that the operation of a Central Bank of Issue, or Federal Reserve Bank, as in the United States, exercised only an indirect or limited influence over price levels and that many of the functions attributed to such Central Bank of Issue and Re-discount were already being performed through the Finance Act. The Committee, however, is of opinion that owing to the rapid expansion of Canadian commercial and industrial operations and the possibility in the near future for the need of a much larger measure of credit than at any in the past. It is desirable that a careful study be made by competent experts of the facilities available under the Finance Act, and to determine if such are capable of ready expansion to meet possible requirements of credit; and further to determine if, under the present scope of the Finance Act, it is possible for the Treasury Board to deal effectively with unusual variations in the rates of interest, and, lastly to consider (in case it should be decided that present legis-

lation is too restricted) what measures should be taken to adapt our present system to the growing needs of the country.

"Your committee, therefore, recommend that the Government, through the Minister of Finance and the Treasury Board, invite into conference the bankers of Canada, together with other competent persons with experience in such matter, to give further study to the subject matter of this report, with instructions to take such steps as in their opinion in the premises are warranted. Your Committee feel that, while it has accomplished much useful preliminary work, this would be conducive to a more intensive study of the question than to have the Committee itself conduct further investigations, and this recommendation would, of course, in no way affect the usual procedure of having all important changes in banking legislation ordinarily made at the regular decennial revisions of the Bank Act submitted for the careful consideration of the Committee."

MARKS GREAT STEP FORWARD

The encouraging feature of the report is that it not only holds the door open to further investigation, but it recommends that the Government call a conference of experts to study the whole question of credit. This report marks a great step forward as compared with the investigation of 1923 alluded to above. At that time the present system was thought to be so perfect that any kind of a report to Parliament on the matter would be an insult to the God of Gold. This year, however, a problem is admitted, further investigation of it is suggested and the Government is recommended to undertake such an investigation.

FINANCE MINISTER SABOTAGES INQUIRY

It should be pointed out that although Parliament passed the resolution authorizing an investigation, there was no enthusiasm evinced by the Minister of Finance. He suffered the investigation, but would do nothing to help. His refusal of funds to pay the expenses of witnesses greatly hampered the Committee and circumscribed our efforts. There are men of great knowledge on the subject of Credit scattered throughout the Dominion, but we could not call any one of them without funds for expenses. There are men in Great Britain and the United States of America who should have been there, but we could not hear them for the same reason.

Business men and manufacturers in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal who were within reach of our limited expense account refused to come and give evidence. They expressed fear. They indicated how they were at the mercy of the banks and if their evidence were regarded as hostile to banks, their credit might be shut off. Such was the nature of replies from business men received by Mr. Woods-worth. Under these disadvantages we were confined (with the exception of Mr. Darby from the Canadian Council of Agriculture) to bankers and officials of the the Financial Department for our information. Imagine trying to obtain evidence in favor of Social Credit from such sources.

While we may have hoped for more than the report gives, still we are not discouraged. Investigation means ultimate victory for credit reformers, for the

present system cannot stand investigation indefinitely and our proposals cannot be successful without investigation. So in the light of all the circumstances we desire to report progress to all who have helped in the propaganda for the proper adjustment of our financial institution to the requirements of modern industrial conditions and on the principle of Social Credit.

ORGANIZATION OF SOCIAL CREDIT GROUPS

In conclusion I would suggest that the organization of Social Credit Groups in every community where there are interested students would be advisable. This idea has been suggested to me by Mr. A. G. Crafter, of Victoria, and I believe that it could and should be done. Not only would these groups prepare the public mind for the fundamental change which is necessary, but would be an influential factor in seeing to it that whatever change is made shall be fundamental. I have no desire now to criticize any particular individual or school of thought. It has been my policy so far to find and emphasize that which all advocates of financial reform have held in common. This I conceived to be advisable while we were engaged in the initial stages of the movement and since in an analysis there was very general agreement. But as we advance toward the necessity of practical policy it will become clear that some who are active advocates of Credit Reform have overlooked the *Social Credit* principle and would merely tinker with the present system. To safeguard against this there should be a means of systematic education and the organization of Social Credit Groups would provide an effective agency in this regard.

LAST WORD IN CANADA TOO (?)

"The idea of exercising political control by financial means may be regarded as America's distinctive contribution to the theory of government. It is the secret of American 'democracy' which is in fact the greatest plutocracy the world has ever seen, most skilfully disguised behind democratic forms, which give votes to every one but allows him (or her) a choice only between Tweedledum, the nominee of one great party, and Tweedledee, the nominee of the other, while in the nominations of Tweedledum and Tweedledee financial power has the last word."—F. C. S. Schiller, M.A., D.Ds., of Oxford University, on the political party system.

"SAFETY FIRST."

The following "Safety First" slogans are taken from the "57 News", the house organ of a commercial enterprise:

Easy payments—no deposit;
Broke his neck: not worth it, was it?

At 90 miles drove Edward John;
The motor stopped, but Ed kept on.

Lies slumbering here one William Lake;
He heard the bell, but had no brake.

Speed records Johnny tried to bust;
Ashes to ashes—dust to dust.

This stone's over the body of Tommy Mutch.
At breakneck speed he broke his clutch.

At whirlwind speed drove Billy Grundy;
Relations note—his funeral's Monday.

News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Department of Education and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Field Service Branch Formed by Alberta Wheat Pool

Seven Men Appointed to Cover Province—Duties of Field Staff

The Alberta Wheat Pool Directors have established a Field Service Branch. Seven men have been appointed for the work, and they will cover the entire Province. The Manitoba and Saskatchewan Pools have had field service departments for a number of years and their operations have had satisfactory results. Hitherto in Alberta the directors themselves have done considerable field service work, but the extension of Pool operations makes a change necessary. Besides, the Directors have their own farming operations to attend to and they simply have not the time for the intensive work that is really required.

Duties of Field Men

The duties of the field service men will be many and varied. They will spend their time in the country maintaining close contact between the Pool Head Office and the membership. Their work will be educational to a very considerable extent.

There are scores of localities in the Province which have never had a Pool meeting. There are hundreds of members who have never seen a Pool representative. Year after year these people have conscientiously delivered their grain to the Pool with the utmost faith and confidence. Little troubles and difficulties may have arisen, but in most cases all were taken in good part. At the same time this condition of affairs has not been satisfactory or fair to these members.

By means of *The U.F.A.* newspaper, the press of the Province and the radio, the Pool has sought to keep in contact with the membership. Questions on all phases of the work have been invited and we have striven to give out all the information possible. We realize that these methods, while helpful, do not compare with personal contact. The field service will supply this contact.

Staff of Field Service

Following is the personnel of the new Field Service Branch:

R. O. German, Secretary, Alberta Wheat Pool, in charge of Field Service Branch.

A. D. Babiuk of Vegreville, in employ of the Pool as field service man among Ukrainian, Russian and German members since 1926.

L. Normandeau, of Westlock, field service man among French speaking Pool members.

N. P. Davisson of Calgary, employee of Alberta Wheat Pool since 1923.

George Chard of Cluny, in grain business for many years.

E. E. Eisenhauer, on teaching staff of Olds School of Agriculture as instructor in co-operative marketing.

Wm. Pettinger of Calgary, adjuster on staff of Hail Board for a number of years. Well acquainted with agricultural conditions in Alberta.

Norman Nelson, agent for Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, at Coaldale, in which post he has been a decided success.

These men have been selected for their experience of agricultural conditions in Alberta; for their experience in dealing with the farm population; for their knowledge of the objectives of co-operation; and for their general ability and aggressiveness.

They will keep in close touch with the Wheat Pool Locals, the Delegates, the Pool elevators, the Directors and the Head Office staff. It will be their duty to see that the Pool machine runs smoothly. The Head Office will be kept in constant touch with what is going on all over Alberta.

Will Aid Sign-Up

Undoubtedly the Pool sign-up will be greatly assisted by the efforts of the field service men. While they cannot possibly be depended on to do all the canvassing, they can assist materially and direct the efforts of others. It has been noticeable that where districts have been well and carefully covered by good canvassers the sign-up of the Second Series Contract is splendid. Where districts have been canvassed haphazardly the results have not been as good.

Burnell's Opinion

In connection with the establishing of a field service the opinion of Colin H. Burnell, President of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, and A. J. McPhail, President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, regarding the operations of their respective field service departments was obtained.

Here is what Mr. Burnell said:

"We have seven permanent field men, six who have their regular districts and one field man who works among the Ruthenians in the various settlements in the Province. I cannot see how we could possibly hold our Manitoba organization together in any considerable strength without having our own men at all times actively in touch with the farmers, because we have at almost every shipping point from one to six employees of the grain trade, that is, their elevator operators, who are usually paid propagandists working overtime in an effort to fill the farmers' mind with doubt regarding the Pool.

"If we did not have our own men actively in the field at all times, we would gradually come to be regarded as a foreign organization and simply another grain handling firm. Our field men are gradually becoming real agricultural agents, actively interested in everything that makes for the welfare of our farmer members.

"All problems regarding better seed and better methods we find the farmer discussing with our Pool men. In fact, I think one of the biggest benefits that our organization is going to be able to render members is the bringing about of the application of the agricultural science which we already have to our farms. I find that our agricultural colleges and experimental farms have been unable

to get the proper contact with the average farmer, but it appears now that we will be able to bring much of this science to the land through our Pool organization.

Get Quicker Action

"Of course, having our own men moving among our members throughout the entire year makes this more readily possible. These men gradually become acquainted with all the active co-operators in their district, and we find that we can get very much quicker action on anything pertaining to our organization work than we could before we had our present field service force. We have been very careful to instruct our field men that they must have absolutely nothing to do with the election machinery of the Pool, or voice any opinions regarding the merits of Directors, or possible Directors, in the various districts. In order to bring about the proper attitude in this respect we have laid out our field men's boundaries so that they do not correspond at all with boundaries of the Director's districts.

"We have been very careful in picking out the men for our field service, and so far we have found the younger type of farmer who has had some agricultural college training to be the most satisfactory. We have had these men now for three seasons, and already have taken three men from our field force into our office staff, where they are very valuable on account of the intimate knowledge they have with the condition and situations in the country.

"Our field men have been engaged in the work of finishing the canvass in the various townships after the voluntary canvassers have done their utmost. We find that the field men going in can often sign up another 25 to 50 per cent of the farmers who would not sign up with their neighbors.

Check Non-deliveries

"Then we have kept a close check on our non-deliveries and each year have provided our field men with a complete list of the farmers in their districts of whom we had no record as having delivered grain to the Pool. These men are visited, and of course, in most cases there was some good reason why no grain was delivered. Probably they had a loss of their crop through hail or drought, flood, or probably had sold their crop for seed and neglected getting a permit. We found that this watchfulness on the part of our organization has had a very good effect on the morale of our membership. The loyal member likes to see his organization handling its affairs in a business-like way and keeping a close check regarding non-deliveries. In cases of actual contract breaking the field men have been the ones who went out and obtained the evidence regarding the case which was then turned over to our solicitor for action.

"They have helped in the calling and arranging for the series of Pool meetings which we have held every winter since we organized. They have also been the ones who have completed the organization of our Pool local elevator associations. As you know, the Manitoba requirement is a seven thousand acre sign-up before we

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Red Deer Comment on Pool Contract

H. J. Meeres, of Leslieville, in a letter to the *Red Deer Advocate*, touches on the contract system of co-operation. He says:

"It is a far cry from the present work-a-day world and the necessary personal exigencies it entails to the question of 'good will.' Even though co-operation does to a considerable extent rest on the good will of its membership, good will never raised a farm product, killed the fatted calf, or moulded a movement without constant application of good effort to substantiate same. Hence the contract system is a demonstration of willingness to effect support of the good will. If the will is sufficiently strong, co-operate we shall; the contract is a secondary consideration.

"The contract system is unique and serves a purpose that heretofore has never been served by education, solicitation, or vituperative condemnation of former conditions. Why?

"The contract places a co-operative enterprise on a material plane, as it is the only obvious substance on which the organization moves and has its being. The association through the contract recognizes its membership, and vice versa the membership through the contract controls the organization.

Heart of Organization

"The contract is the heart of the organization, notwithstanding the fact that it is nothing more or less than the willingness to support the good will of the signer put in writing.

"As to the enforcement of the contract puzzling the will of many honest co-operators, this is impossible. No honest-to-goodness co-operator signs a contract with the expectation that it will not be enforced. He signs the contract to demonstrate his good will. If this is continually borne in mind no individual can take offence at the just application of the binding agreement between signers. Without a contract there is no organization, but there are many different forms of contract.

"The verbal contract has been tried, but these have been found wanting in various ways, especially in application. Owing chiefly to the fact that good will is sometimes versatile and susceptible to

BIG BUSINESS OF BRITISH CO-OPS

The development of co-operation in Britain is not as well known in Canada as it might be. To give an idea of the extent of the operations conducted by the three big co-operative wholesale societies, the following facts are quoted:

Last year:

Sixty million pounds of tea were imported from India. Of this total four million pounds were co-operatively grown.

Twenty million dollars of grain, cheese and canned goods were imported from Canada.

Nine million dollars of grain, cheese, butter and other food stuffs were imported from Australia and New Zealand.

Five million dollars of cocoa, palm kernels and oils were imported from Africa.

These vast British co-operatives are noted for their efficiency and for the sound co-operative principles on which they operate.

They each will have delegates at the International Wheat Pool Conference at Regina on June 5th.

monetary and other influences, where the same is not committed to a binding acknowledgment such as a written contract, the co-operative association has no substance, and is in constant danger of total desertion, consequently good will and the contract go hand in hand with true co-operation.

"The 'knotty problem' says if co-operation pays, very few will need forcing. Agreed. But what about building a co-operative organization to a paying basis? This is where good will, splendid orations and good ideas fall down until such time as we locate material foundation such as a contract from the producer.

"If an organization is built only through monetary magnetism, that organization will fail: it must serve. But in this, as in other questions of similar kind, it resolves itself into the old, old story. You get out of it just exactly as much as you put in, whether it be put in through loyalty, active or grudging support."

News & Views

The Dairymen's League News. Co-operative marketing associations sold \$640,000,000 worth of dairy products in the United States in 1927.

"Keep On Keepin' On"

"Oh, it's lovely when they're running
And they're hungry and they're fine,
And they strike and keep on tugging
On your bait and on your line;
But the fellow that's worth praising
And that has the record right
Is the lad that keeps on fishing
When - the - fish - don't - bite."

First House of Program

The first country house of the 1928 Saskatchewan Pool Elevator Building program was completed and opened for business at Leader on May 3rd. The elevator was running at top speed immediately it was completed and before the last carpenter had left the building 5,000 bushels of Pool wheat had been taken in.

Large Fleet Leaves

On Saturday, May 5, the first large fleet of the season, composed of 16 grain boats, left Fort William carrying 4,590,000 bushels of grain, 4,262,000 bushels of which were wheat. On Monday, May 7th, the Fred G. Hartwell left Fort William with 460,000 bushels of Pool wheat loaded last fall at Saskatchewan Pool Terminal No. 4.

One Every Two Days

A new elevator every two days has been the record established by the Manitoba Wheat Pool since building operations began this spring. Close to eighty new elevator points have been organized this year, and it is stated by C. H. Burnell, President, that new elevators will be erected at nearly all of them. In building these Manitoba Pool Elevators over three hundred men divided into fourteen crews are employed.

All-Embracing Campaign

Speaking over the radio last Thursday, President McPhail of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool said: "I believe that in the history of any organization there are certain times when special efforts must be made to increase its strength. I feel



that between now and the 31st of July is such a time for this organization. I believe that we can institute the most effective, all-embracing canvass that has ever been carried on in a farming community. As a preliminary to this proposed campaign it is planned to make a special effort to increase the coarse grains acreage between now and the 10th of June. At the same time the machinery of the organization will be shaping for an intensive Province-wide clean-up campaign for both wheat and coarse grains, commencing on some day about June 20."

Better Than Dumping

The Dairyman's League News.—The walnut growers of California through their co-operative marketing association wiggled out of a bad over-production this year in great shape. They did two things to dispose of an unexpectedly large surplus of walnuts—made a cut in prices and at the same time put on a newspaper and billboard advertising campaign. These two things cost the association about \$600,000, but the surplus was disposed of and every nut was sold at a price far above what it would have been had they been dumped on the market.

Coarse Grain Pool Payment

A second interim payment amounting to \$780,361 was mailed to members by the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Coarse Grains Pool on Wednesday, May 23rd. This represented a payment of 8 cents per bushel on all grades of oats except a few of the very low grades; and ten cents per bushel on all grades of barley, flax and rye. The present payment brings total payments to Growers by the Coarse Grains Pool for the 1927 crop to the very satisfactory level of 58 cents per bushel for 2 C.W. oats, 75 cents for 3 C.W. barley, No. 1 N.W. flax \$1.75 per bushel and 2 C.W. rye 95 cents per bushel, basis Fort William.

Recent signers of Second Series Contract

The following have recently signed Second Series contracts: Messrs. Geo. Wm. and Charles Spooner, Kirriemuir, 655 acres; J. Harry Johnston, High River, 350 acres; Wm. Riel, Millet, 300 acres; John L. Kehr, Oroville, Wash., U.S.A., 500 acres; Deane E. Smith, Milk River, 300; Annie Vaihoja, Carmangay, 320; Robert Todd, Vulcan, 500; Swan Olson, Provost, 450; Sarah & Frank Craver, Salem, Ore., U.S.A., 300; J. E. Martin, Makepeace, 300; E. J. Tessier, Oyen, 700; Peder Notland, Morrin, 400; Elbert E. Smith, Vancouver, B.C., 450; R. Soetaert, St. Albert, 300; John Dahl, Sedalia, 435; O. J. Mosier, Daysland, 300; C. M. Mosier, Daysland, 300; W. S. Jacobs, Munson, 360; Anderson & Pedersen, Lakesend, 400 acres.

NOMINATION OF DELEGATES

Members have until June 15th to send in their nomination for delegates. Nomination blanks are in the membership lists which recently were sent out. Each nomination to be valid must have the name of ten Wheat Pool members in the same sub-district as nominees. See to it that the man you want is properly nominated. Don't neglect this matter and then when it is too late complain about matters. The selection of delegates is a very important matter. The delegates are your representatives on the Pool organization. Their authority is supreme when it comes to a decision on Pool policies.

SONNET

From the Roof of the New Pool Elevator at Millet

Pool your thought and pool your grain,
Pool and stand together;
Single effort all in vain
Cannot mend the matter.

Weeds are growing, mind your land,
Hail, rust, frost and blowing.
Worse than all—the middleman
Gets you coming, going.

Forward all! participate—
Never end your schooling;
Life is short, don't hesitate,
Join, and stop your fooling.

—T. K. Rogne.

War Looming

OMAHA.—War to the death between the farmers' Wheat Pool organizations of the country, including the great Canadian Wheat Pool on one side and the combined private grain dealers, grain elevators and farm products dealers on the other, is developing and both sides are preparing for the conflict.

The Pools met in Lincoln, leaders of all the big western wheat-producing states and also heads of the Canadian pool attending. They laid their plans for the approaching fight. The Farm Products' Association is planning a fund of \$1,000,000 to fight the co-operatives.

The Pools are to have another meeting in Chicago about the first of June to complete their plans for the fight.

It is said there is not room for both systems in modern business. If the Pools win, the private dealers will go down. If the private dealers are the victors the Pools will disband.

Takes Up Challenge

"The Federated Agricultural Trades of America issued the challenge, and we gladly take it up," said President L. Gough of the Texas Wheat Growers' Association, at the farmers' meeting here. "We will fight to the finish."

The Pools haven't everything their own way, as was brought out at the meeting when the statement was made that since 1920, 600 co-operative grain elevators have passed into private possession.

On the other hand, the Canadian Pool now is selling \$1,000,000 worth of wheat every business day, according to H. W. Wood of Alberta, head of the Canadian Pool, who said that the Canadian Pool had succeeded in raising the selling price of its 200,000,000 bushels of wheat 40 cents per bushel.

It is the aim of the Wheat Pools of the United States to "sign up" 200,000,000 bushels of wheat and to market this in connection with the 200,000,000 bushels handled by the Canadian Pool, this giving the combined Pools 400,000,000 bushels annually.

This is one-half of the exportable wheat of the world, and the managers of the movement declare that with this amount of wheat in their control they can set the price of wheat all over the world.

The Nebraska Wheat Pool is expected to bring 50,000,000 bushels of wheat into the international Pool. The remaining 150,000,000 bushels are to come from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

The Nebraska Pool is the newest organization of its kind. It has been or-

ganizing since last June and becomes effective when one-half of the wheat crop of the state has signed up.

The Federal Intermediate Credit bank of Omaha is financing the Nebraska Pool and has assured the Pool manager of all the money they want at 4½ per cent.

At the Nebraska meeting where the preliminaries for the coming fight were arranged, representatives of Pools of the eight big wheat states, together with Canada Pool representatives, took part and signed the call for the Chicago meeting, where plans for the battle will be completed.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT POOL CONFERENCE

The International Wheat Pool Conference will be held in Regina for three days commencing June 5th. The Wheat Pool is planning to broadcast the evening session of that Conference on Wednesday, June 6th. On that evening the speakers will be: Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Premier of Saskatchewan, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta, Hon. R. A. Hoey, Minister of Education for Manitoba, Sir Thomas Allen, of the British Empire Marketing Board. It will be well worth your while to listen in to these addresses on the evening of Wednesday, June 6th.

Pool Radio Column

Barrs' Singing a Treat

Lloydminster, Alta.—I am writing to congratulate you on your radio broadcasts, and particularly with regard to your entertainment program. Listening in to Mr. Barrs the other night was a real treat.

Carbon Man Writes

Carbon, Alta.—Received my membership book and am sending my acreage reports. I like your broadcasting and listen in every Wednesday. Mr. Barrs was very good and hope you will have him sing again.

Appreciates Spiritual Side

Garfield J. Baker, Bittern Lake, Alta.—I wish to thank you for your broadcast of last Wednesday evening. I was glad to hear you stress the spiritual side of the co-operative movement. If the Pool had not brought me any financial gain, which it most undoubtedly has, I would still be a member on principle. I would like you to thank Mr. George Barrs for his singing. His song "Good Company" was especially good and hope we might have the pleasure of hearing him sing this song again.

Like Barrs' Singing

H. Harburn, Wastina, Alta.—We enjoyed very much your interesting and instructive talk over the radio May 9th. We were especially pleased to hear George Barrs sing again. We had missed hearing him lately. We thought he made a happy choice in selecting the song, "Good Company," for his first number. I would respectfully ask if there is any special reason for more or less delay in coming on with the Wheat Pool program at the time announced. I think that some of the would-be listeners turn away to something else when they don't hear anything doing after tuning in a number of times. They conclude that the Wheat Pool perhaps are not broadcasting tonight. The half hour seems short enough, and time is always up before we get enough.

FIELD SERVICE

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build or purchase an elevator at a point. When the Pool members at a point request the organization of a Pool local, they circulate a petition and get the largest possible acreage on the petition. If they then request some further help, a field man goes in the district, completes the petition, gets the appointment of seven provisional directors. They then apply for a provisional charter for the elevator association and the field man goes back and organizes the canvass to obtain both wheat and coarse grain contracts for five years and signatures to the elevator contract through which the Pool member agrees to deliver all his saleable grain to his own Pool elevator for the term of his Pool contract.

Evidence of Usefulness

"We have already established some 84 of these locals during this winter. We have not only had our permanent field force engaged on this work, but have had from three to four additional men during most of the winter. In the elevator locals which we have entered on our contract books up to date we have found the result to be a 22 per cent increase in our Pool membership at these points, and a 40 per cent increase in our acreage. This is one of the best evidences, I think, of the value of our form of organization and the work of our field force.

"Our field men, also, of course, help to nail any rumors immediately they start to be circulated in their district, and are all the time explaining the work of our organization and educating the membership regarding the Pool. I think it is a mistake to expect thousands of farmers to be held together, simply because the principle of our organization is right. We must remember that the organization and working out of the Wheat Pool is really one side of an economic conflict. In other words, we are actually engaged in a trade war. If we look at it in any other sense, I think we are simply blind to the facts of the case. This being so we must take a leaf out of the other fellow's book and get in as close contact as possible with our men on the land and retain this contact at all times, because after all, the only capital the Pool has is the confidence of its membership.

"In our organization in Manitoba we are at all times studying this problem and everything we can do to give us closer contact and retain the confidence of our membership will be done."

McPhail On Field Service

Mr. McPhail's opinion is as follows:

"I may say that I believe the field service staff is essential to an organization such as the Pool. We had some difficulty during the first year, as quite a number of Pool men felt that the maintenance of a field service staff was an unneeded expenditure. I think some of our Delegates and local committees held this opinion. The best evidence that I can submit in support of our field service staff is that today we have practically no opposition to the maintenance of this department.

"The field service men have made themselves so useful to the Delegates, the Board of Directors and the local committees that they have practically established that Department as a very necessary part of the organization.

"Personally, I would not like to say it would be impossible for the organization to get along without the field service

men, but I think it would be very greatly weakened if we were to dispose of that Department. They work in co-operation with the local committees, Delegates, Board of Directors, with the elevator superintendents and elevator agents. It is very difficult to estimate the value of their work to this organization."

STANDARDIZED EGGS

The Dairymen's League News.—These western eggs that you hear so much about

are hard to "beat,"—we mean in the market and not in the kitchen. In some of these California egg co-operative plants they have a carefully worked out system whereby the eggs are selected, graded and packed by methods just as standardized as the methods in the Ford factory. In other words, the work is done almost automatically. When a crate reached New York it looks just as fresh and attractive as the crates of Sunkist oranges that you see coming in by the carloads. It makes you want to buy them.

Program of the Third International Wheat Pool Conference

The following is the program of the Third International Wheat Pool Conference which will be held at Regina, June 5th, 6th and 7th:

Tuesday, June 5th.—9:30 to 10:30, Registration; 10:30 to 11:00, Chairman's Report; 11:00 to 11:30, Secretary's Report; 11:30 to 12:00, Discussion; 12:00 to 12:15, Appointment of Committees. Adjourn for lunch.

2:00 to 2:30, Official Welcome to Province by Hon. C. M. Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan. Welcome to City of Regina by Col. James McAra, Mayor of Regina. 2:30 Handling Facilities for Producers' Co-operatives 2:30 to 3:00, Grain—Ben Plumer, Alberta Wheat Pool; 3:00 to 3:30, Dairy Produce—A. J. McGuire, Land O'Lakes Creamery, Minneapolis. 3:30 to 4:00, Fruit—Hon. E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture, British Columbia; 4:00 to 4:30, Cotton—C. O. Moser, President, American Cotton Growers' Marketing Association; 4:30 to 5:00, Discussion.

Tuesday Evening.—Banquet by Regina Board of Trade. Addresses by, W. M. Von Valkenberg, President Regina Board of Trade; H. W. Wood, Vice-President Canadian Wheat Pool and President Alberta Wheat Pool, "The Necessity for Co-operation." Dr. J. F. Booth, Agricultural Economist, United States Department of Agriculture, "The Co-operative Movement in the United States." Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture for Canada, "Co-operation in Canada."

Wednesday, June 6th.—9 a.m., Grain Marketing Policies and Practice: Producers, John Vesecky, Manager, Southwest Wheat Producers, Kansas City. 9:30 to 10:00, George McIvor, General Sales Manager, Canadian Wheat Pool. 10:30 to 11:00, Discussion. Consumers: 11:00 to 11:30, Representative English

Co-operative Wholesale Society; 11:30 to 12:00, Representative Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society; 12:00 to 12:30, Discussion.

2 p.m. Marketing Problems.

2:00 to 2:30, Representative Centrosojus, Russia; 2:30 to 2:45, Discussion; 2:45 to 3:15, Dr. Alva H. Benton, Marketing Department North Dakota Agricultural College; 3:15 to 3:30, Discussion; 3:30 to 4:00, J. S. Montgomery, Central Co-operative Association, South St. Paul; 4:00 to 4:15, Discussion; 4:15 to 4:45, F. M. Black, Chairman, Interior Tree Fruit and Vegetable Committee of Direction, Kelowna, B.C.; 4:45 to 5:00, Discussion.

Wednesday Evening.—Banquet given by Saskatchewan Government. Speakers: Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Premier of Saskatchewan, "A Co-operative Province." Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta, "Governments and the Co-operative Movement." Hon. John Bracken, Premier of Manitoba, "Co-operation Between Town and Country." Sir Thomas Allen, British Empire Marketing Board, "World Co-operation."

Thursday, June 7th, 9 a.m.—Organization Problems and Policies:

9:00 to 9:20, Country Organization, F. W. Ransom, Secretary Manitoba Wheat Pool; 9:20 to 9:35, Discussion; 9:35 to 9:55, Field Service, E. R. Downie, Manager, Kansas Wheat Pool; 9:55 to 10:10, Discussion; 10:10 to 10:30, Contracts, R. O. German, Secretary, Alberta Wheat Pool; 10:30 to 10:45, Discussion; 10:45 to 11:05, Co-operative Education, J. T. Hull, Director of Publicity, Manitoba Wheat Pool; 11:05 to 11:20, Discussion; 11:20 to 11:40, Co-operative Publicity, H. S. Fry, Director of Publicity, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; 11:40 to 12:00, Discussion.

2:00 to 2:30, Reports of Committees; 2:30 to 3:00, Discussion; 3:30 to 4:00, Organizing for Co-operation, Henry J. May, Secretary, International Co-operative Alliance; 4:00 to 5:00, Discussion led by Mr. May.

Thursday Evening.—Pool Banquet.

Addresses by: A. J. McPhail, President, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, and President, Canadian Wheat Pool: "The Pool's Place in our National Life." C. O. Moser, President and General Manager, American Cotton Growers Marketing Association. C. Judd, Victoria Wheat Pool, Australia: "Co-operation Under the Southern Cross." Hon. Irene Parlbay, Alberta: "A Co-operative Civilization."

CUT-OFF JULY 16th

The date of the cut-off for the 1927 Pool has been fixed for Monday, July 16th. All who have wheat to be delivered should see that it is in the elevators before that date. In past years members have gone past the cut-off date and complained that they were not given sufficient notice. The Pool wants to make sure that the information is given wide publicity this year—*July 16th is the cut-off date.*

NEWS FROM ALBERTA DAIRY POOL HEAD OFFICE

Official Information for Members of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers, Ltd.

Pool Acquires Well-equipped Plant to Handle Business in Northern Alberta

Chris E. Christensen, Well-known Creameryman, is Appointed Manager of Pool Creamery—How Members Can Assist in Making New Undertaking Successful

To meet the needs of the largest district in Alberta at present served by a co-operative dairy organization, the Alberta Dairy Pool on May 18th acquired the plant of the Edmonton Pure Butter Company, situated in Edmonton, and appointed as manager Chris E. Christensen, one of the best known butter makers in Western Canada, and the winner of many prize awards—probably more than anyone else in the dairy business in this Province.

The Executive and the Board of Directors for the present year, who completed the negotiations leading to the acquirement of the plant in Edmonton, are as follows: President, N. S. Clarke, Didsbury; Vice-president, D. J. Christie, Strathcona; Secretary-treasurer, J. R. Love (Executive). These three officers with the following Directors, make up the Board: Alex. Moore, Cochrane; H. E. Shenfield, Innisfail; E. R. Rasmuson, Wetaskiwin; R. M. Walker, Waskatenau.

The Board have issued the following statement, addressed "To Members and Friends of the Alberta Dairy Pool":

POOL TAKES FORWARD STEP

The splendid attendance and spirit of loyalty that was in evidence at our Annual Meeting held on April 4th proves that our members are solidly behind their own organization. There was a realization on the part of all delegates that the farmer must enter the business world and retain his inherent right to produce and distribute his own products through his own marketing organization. With this end in view the Annual Meeting went unanimously on record in favor of acquiring our own creamery facilities at the earliest possible date.

To Start in Edmonton

The largest district, which at the present time is not being served by a co-operative dairy organization, is that part of the Province commonly known as the Edmonton district. Until some larger scheme can be brought into being, your

Board of Directors decided that steps should be taken immediately to either purchase or build a pool creamery in the City of Edmonton.

Pool Buys a Desirable Creamery

After carefully surveying the whole situation, negotiations were entered into with the directors of the Edmonton Pure Butter Company, of Edmonton, with a view to taking over the splendid creamery which this company has operated for some time in the City of Edmonton. On May 18th, negotiations were completed whereby the Alberta Dairy Pool acquired the immediate possession of the creamery.

Takes Over a Well Trained Staff

This creamery has been efficiently operated in the past under the able management of Chris E. Christensen, one of Alberta's best known creamerymen. The plant is well located and well equipped to

handle the business of the Alberta Dairy Pool in Northern Alberta. The services of Mr. Christensen and his experienced staff were also taken over by the pool. We are indeed fortunate in having in Mr. Christensen a son of Denmark, who received his training in the co-operative creameries of his native land, and who has since had many years of experience in creamery operations in Western Canada.

Off on the Right Foot

We are confident that this announcement that the Alberta Dairy Pool is actually in business on its own behalf and that the Pool has in its service men both skilled in modern creamery methods and trained in co-operative principles, will be received with much satisfaction by all our members. Until such time as arrangements are made to provide Pool facilities on a Provincial basis, we realize that all our members can not be served by one creamery. However, we feel that we have put the right foot forward in starting to run our own business. In the meantime, our members who can not ship to Edmonton, will be permitted to ship elsewhere.

Three Essential Factors

Our members must remember that our future policy will depend on the success we make of this, our first effort to run our own manufacturing business. The responsibility for our success will depend on three main factors:

1. The efficient operation of our creamery.
2. The efficient marketing of our butter.
3. The loyalty of our members.

No matter how efficient or how well managed our creamery and marketing organization may be, we can not make a success of our enterprise if our members do not do their part.

Need of Local Co-operation

It has been the custom of private creamery organizations to maintain the loyalty of its patrons by employing numerous agents as well as running expensive competitive trucking services throughout

New Home of the Alberta Dairy Pool



This Plant was Acquired by the Pool from the Edmonton Pure Butter Co., on May 18th.

the country districts. It is unnecessary to point out to our members that all this added expense must be paid for directly or indirectly by the cream producers. Remember the fault lies not with the private creamery companies, but with the producer himself, who, through lack of local co-operation in assembling and marketing his cream, makes such competition necessary in order that the private creamery may retain the cream producer's patronage.

Again let us not forget that both trucks and agents can render a very important service to the producer. Our quarrel is not with the truck or agent, but with the expensive competitive system of sending several trucks into the same district and the employment of several agents at the same shipping point. No cream producer can afford such an extravagant and expensive service.

Members Must Do Their Part

What are we going to do about it? This, we believe, is a question to be dealt with by our members in their various local districts. Already at many points our members have formed local associations and have engaged a local agent to take care of their cream in a proper manner and on such conditions as they may determine. In other districts our members have decided to deliver their cream to the station platform, thus saving the expense of maintaining an agent. In a number of districts where our members are located some distance from a railway station, they have organized locally for the purpose of making satisfactory arrangements to have their cream delivered either to a shipping point or direct to Edmonton by truck. These are local problems and to the degree in which our members organize locally to deal with these matters just to that extent will we be able to assemble our cream in the most efficient manner and at a minimum cost.

Will you do your part to see that the members of your district assume their responsibility in maintaining efficiency at this end of our own co-operative organization?

How to Get New Members

We also wish to point out that if you have friends who are not pool members, please do not ask us to spend your own good money in sending out paid organizers to obtain their signatures on pool contracts. Write to us for contracts and we will do all we can to consolidate our membership in your district. Let every member do his part towards increasing our membership.

Pay Your Creamery a Visit

In closing we extend to you a hearty invitation to visit your own creamery whenever you are in Edmonton. Make it your headquarters while in the city. You will find us at 9722 102nd Street.

Yours for co-operation,

Alberta Co-Operative Dairy Producers Ltd.

Per: Board of Directors.

Speed Fiend (recovering consciousness in hospital): "Where am I?"

Nurse: "In No. 23."

Speed Fiend: "Ward or cell?"

—Humorist, London.

Right—Did ye ever speak before a large audience?

Left—Fairly large, I did.

Right—And what did you say?

Left—Not guilty.

Save the Valuable "Poker Hands"

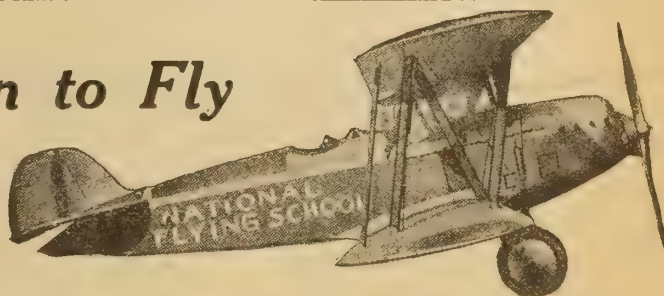


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CALGARY

Some Notable Features of the Program of the Alberta Co-operative Institute

Authorities on Many Forms of Co-operative Activity From All Parts of American Continent to Address Gathering in Edmonton
Last Week in June.

Those in attendance at the Alberta Institute of Co-operation, to be held at the University of Alberta during the last week in June will have the opportunity of hearing a number of speakers who are acknowledged authorities on the various phases of co-operation from all parts of the American continent. The committee in charge of the organization of the Institute has met with a good response from the speakers who have been invited to attend this event, the first of its kind to be held in Western Canada. The wide variety of co-operative thought and experience represented in the list of speakers ensures an interesting and instructive week for the members and visitors who will be in attendance.

The tentative program arranged by the committee is nicely balanced, embracing a wide sphere of co-operative activity. Co-operative marketing of wheat, of livestock, of dairy products and of poultry and eggs, all subjects of intense interest to Alberta farmers, will be dealt with individually, and the experience of co-operative experts from outside the Province will be brought to bear upon local conditions and problems which affect these activities in Alberta.

For Those With Limited Time

While it is felt that the majority of those in attendance will find the entire program sufficiently interesting to remain for the full week of June 25th to 29th, the session as arranged will make it possible for those with a more limited time at their disposal to attend the discussions of those particular subjects in which they are most interested.

Morning and afternoon sessions each day of the Institute will be devoted to addresses and discussions of the various phases of co-operation and it is planned that the evenings will be rather of an inspirational nature. Arrangements are also being made for a musical program and other features of an entertaining nature at some of the evening sessions.

Opening of Conference

According to the tentative program which will be subject to minor changes, registration of members is announced for Monday morning, June 25th from 8 to 11 o'clock, and during the latter part of the morning those in attendance will be welcome in short addresses by Lieut. Governor Egbert, Hon. George Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, Mayor Bury of Edmonton and the President of the University. The Institute will swing into action on Monday afternoon with the address of H. W. Wood, President of the U.F.A. and Chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool, to be followed by Prof. C. R. Fay of the University of Toronto, speaking on "Co-operation in the Educational Program" and Lew Hutchinson, Director of the Alberta Wheat Pool who will outline the "Accomplishments of the Alberta Wheat Pool." Monday evening session will be given over to a smoker and entertainment.

Tuesday forenoon will be devoted to a discussion of "Bigger and Better Livestock Marketing" by C. G. Randall of the Division of Co-operative Marketing,

U.S. Department of Agriculture, followed by A. B. Claypool on "Co-operative Livestock Marketing in Alberta." In the afternoon Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, will speak on "Finance and Co-operation"; John Brandt, President of the Land O'Lakes Creameries, will discuss "Co-operative Marketing as it Applies to Dairying" and J. R. Love, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alberta Dairy Pool, will deal with "Types of Co-operative Creameries." Following each of the addresses, opportunity will be given for the discussion of points brought out by the speakers.

Premier on Tuesday

One of the high lights of the week's program is promised for Tuesday evening in the address of Premier Brownlee, whose message will be listened to with keen interest. On Wednesday morning Prof. H. E. Erdman of the Department of Rural Economics, University of California, will be heard on "Membership, Organization and Field Service" and Robin Hood, Editor of the *Co-operative Marketing Journal*, Memphis, Tennessee, will follow with "Responsibilities of Members, Directors and Managers." Problems of management will come in for further discussion on Wednesday afternoon by E. B. Ramsey, Manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool, John Brandt and C. G. Randall, followed by Albert Scott, Chairman of the Mayfair Butter Co., Vancouver, dealing with "The Function of a Central Selling Agency for Dairy Products," and George McIvor, General Sales Manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool, who will outline "The Function of a Central Selling Agency for Grain."

President Wood Wednesday

The Wednesday evening session will undoubtedly see a large attendance to hear an address by H. W. Wood. Prof. Erdman will be heard on Thursday morning in a discussion of the "Possibilities and Limitations of Co-operative Marketing as an Observer Sees Them," followed by D. M. Malin, Manager of the Alberta Poultry Pool, dealing with "Marketing Poultry Products in Alberta" and Norman Clarke, Chairman of the Alberta Dairy Pool, who will discuss "Fluid Milk Distribution in Alberta." In the afternoon "The Development of Consumers' Co-operation" will be outlined by Cedric Long, General Secretary of the U.S. Consumers' Co-operative League, and "Consumers' Co-operatives in Alberta" will be discussed by Wm. Halsall, Manager of the Killam Co-operative Association. This will be followed by a discussion of "Co-operative Accounting" and in the evening Robin Hood will speak on "The Promise of Co-operation."

The Friday morning program includes addresses by Dr. D. A. McGibbon of the University of Alberta on "The Future of the Alberta Farmer," Wm. McKenzie, Manager of the Southern Alberta Co-operative Marketing Association, on "Co-operative Marketing of Hay and Potatoes," W. H. J. Tisdale, Assistant Manager of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, on the "Co-operative Marketing of Wool" and Prof. Erdman on "Some

Recent Developments in Co-operative Marketing." According to present arrangements the program will be brought to a close on Friday afternoon when Prof. Fay will give a "General Resume of the Lessons of the Conference," H. E. Spencer, M.P., will speak on "Finance and the Farmer," J. J. Frawley of the Attorney General's Department will outline "Legal Aspects of Co-operation" and Robin Hood will discuss "Plans for a Program of Co-operative Education."

Each forenoon of the week special lectures in the Young People's Section will be given by Prof. R. W. Murchie of the Department of Economics and Sociology, Manitoba Agricultural College, and W. M. Drummond, Graduate of Queen's and late of the staff of the University of Alberta. Subjects dealt with in these lectures will include "Fundamentals of Co-operation," "The Scope of Co-operation," "Types of Co-operative Organizations and Essentials of Success" and the "Significance of the Western Co-operatives." Visits of the members of the various sections of the Institute to stockyards, dairy plants and other points of interest in the city are planned during the week.

From the above brief summary of the program as at present arranged, it will be seen that ample provision is made for features of interest to any person, no matter how slight his connection with co-operative activity. Emphasis is laid on the fact that the addresses and discussions will not be of an academic nature, but will be of a calibre to interest every one in attendance.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate all registered members with board and room at the University, and the importance of making application for enrollment at the earliest possible date is stressed by the Registrar of the Institute, J. R. Love, Parliament Buildings, Edmonton.

MERE SENTIMENT IS NOT ENOUGH

"Mere moralizing and sentimentalizing about war can never do much towards abolishing it so long as the causes remain."

The idea of world peace has become rather popular of late in certain respectable circles, and professions of peaceful intentions have become quite indispensable. No nation will now frankly avow itself militaristic, no matter to what madly extravagant or unnecessary lengths it goes by way of 'preparedness,' and no matter what plunderous acts of aggrandizement it has on foot. Every piece of ordnance forged; every shot and shell manufactured; every naval craft launched; every blade, bayonet, and brass button made; every dollar expended for military purposes; every buck private buckled up in fighting harness—everything is done *defensively*. If an American battleship is sent up the Yangtze, it is sent *defensively*. If Allied soldiers are sent to Archangel, they are sent on the *defensive*. Whenever a Boer, an Igorotte, Haitian, or a Nicaraguan is shot down, even at the door of his own hut, he is shot *defensively*.—Clay Fuiks.

Alberta Institute of Co-operation

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

June 25th to 29th

MONDAY, JUNE 25th

Morning Session

- 8:00 Registration of Delegates.
11:00 Lieut. Gov. Egbert, Opening Address.
11:30 Hon. G. Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture.
12:00 A. U. G. Bury, Mayor of Edmonton.
12:15 President, University of Alberta.

Afternoon Session

- 2:00 H. W. Wood, President, U.F.A., and Chairman, Alberta Wheat Pool.
2:45 C. R. Fay, Prof. of Economics, University of Toronto, "Co-operation in the Educational Programme."
3:45 Lew Hutchinson, Director, Alberta Wheat Pool, "Accomplishments of the Alberta Wheat Pool." Discussion.

Evening Session

Smoker and Entertainment.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26th

Morning Session

- 10:00 C. G. Randall, Division of Co-operative Marketing, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, "Bigger and Better Livestock Marketing and Co-operation."
11:15 A. B. Claypool, Chairman, Alberta Livestock Pool, "Co-operative Livestock Marketing in Alberta." Discussion.

Afternoon Session

- 2:00 Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, "Finance and Co-operation"
2:30 John Brandt, President, Land o' Lakes Creameries, "Co-operative Marketing as It Applies to Dairying." Discussion.
4:00 J. R. Love, Sec.-Treas. Alberta Dairy Pool, "Types of Co-operative Creameries." Discussion.

Evening Session

Address by Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th

Morning Session

- 10:00 H. E. Erdman, Prof. of Rural Economics, University of California, "Membership, Organization and Field Service." Discussion.
11:15 Robin Hood, "Responsibilities of Members, Directors and Managers." Discussion.

Afternoon Session

- 2:00 E. B. Ramsay, Mgr. Canadian Wheat Pool, followed by John Brandt and C. G. Randall, "Problems of Management."
4:00 A. Scott, Chairman, Mayfair Butter Company, Vancouver, "The Function of a Central Selling Agency for Dairy Products."
4:45 G. McIvor, Gen. Sales Mgr., Canadian Wheat Pool, "The Function of a Central Selling Agency for Grain."

Evening Session

Address by H. W. Wood, President, U.F.A., and Chairman, Alberta Wheat Pool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28th

Morning Session

- 10:00 Prof. Erdman, "Possibilities and Limitations of Co-operative Marketing as an Observer Sees Them."
11:00 D. M. Malin, Manager, Alberta Poultry Pool, "Marketing Poultry Products in Alberta." Discussion.
11:45 N. Clarke, Chairman Alberta Dairy Pool, "Fluid Milk Distribution in Alberta."

Afternoon Session

- 2:00 Cedric Long, Gen. Secretary, U.S. Co-operative League, "The Development of Consumers' Co-operation."
3:00 W. M. Halsall, Mgr., Killam Co-op. Association, "Consumers' Co-ops. in Alberta." Discussion.
4:30 "Co-operative Accounting."

Evening Session

Robin Hood, Editor, Co-operative Marketing Journal, Memphis, Tennessee, "The Promise of Co-operation."

FRIDAY, JUNE 29th

Morning Session

- 10:00 D. A. MacGibbon, Prof. of Political Economy, University of Alberta, "The Future of the Alberta Farmer."
10:30 Wm. McKenzie, Mgr., Southern Alberta Co-operative Association, "Co-operative Marketing of Hay and Potatoes."
11:00 W. J. Tisdale, Ass't Mgr., Canadian Co-op. Wool Growers' Association, "Co-operative Marketing of Wool."
11:30 Prof. Erdman, "Some Recent Developments in Co-operative Marketing."

Afternoon Session

- 2:00 Prof. Fay, "General Resume of Lessons of the Conferences."
3:00 H. E. Spencer, M.P., "Finance and the Farmer."
4:00 J. J. Frawley, Attorney General's Dept., "Legal Aspects of Co-operation."
4:30 Robin Hood, "Plans for a Programme of Co-operative Education."

Evening Session

Open.

SPECIAL COURSES and MEETINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 25th, TO FRIDAY, JUNE 29th, INCLUSIVE

Morning Session

- 8:00 Junior Courses under R. W. Murchie, Prof. of Economics and Sociology, Manitoba Agricultural College; and,
9:00 W. M. Drummond, Graduate of Queens and late of Alberta University.
Subjects: "Fundamentals of Co-operation"; "The Scope of Agricultural Co-operation"; "Types of Co-operative Organization and Essentials of Success"; "The Social Significance of the Western Co-operatives."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th

Morning Session

- 8:30 Livestock Members Visit of Inspection to Stock Yards.

MONDAY, JUNE 25th

Afternoon Session

- 3:45 Dairymen Visit to Plant.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28th

Afternoon Session

- 4:30 Meeting of Secretaries, Co-operative Marketing Associations.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29th

Afternoon Session

- 4:30 Managers' Meeting of Consumers' Co-operatives.



NOTE:—The above programme is subject to change without notice.



Interests of the United Farm Women

Divorce Procedure in Parliament---Bill to Set Up Court in Ontario---Expenses of Rideau Hall

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Farm Women:

In my last letter I said that the divorce procedure of the House was being brought into prominence.

On many Orders of the Day under Private Bills there appear lists of bills reading as follows: "House in Committee on Bill No. so and-so (Letter so-and-so of the Senate) intitled 'An Act for the relief of so-and-so.'" At first when I read all these petitions for relief I did not know what they meant, but on enquiry learned what every one else seemed to know, that they were applications for divorce.

The Procedure Followed

As you know, all the Provinces of the Dominion, save Ontario and Quebec, grant divorces through their own courts, but in these two Provinces application is made to the Federal House. The custom is to have a member of the Senate introduce the bill into that chamber, where it is referred to a special committee of that House, where the case is gone into and witnesses for and against have the opportunity of presenting their case. The committee's report comes back to the Senate and if the bill passes the necessary readings of that body it is sent on to the Commons in the form I mentioned. It receives its first and second reading and then is sent to the committee on Private Bills, where opponents to the divorce being granted have the opportunity of protesting. The report is then brought back to the Commons, where nearly all the Bills are passed as a matter of course.

Despite this apparent thoroughness in going into the matter, the handling of divorce bills in the Commons has really been very perfunctory. They are frequently brought in and read by number in bunches to save time, after which it is customary for the Speaker to say, "Carried on Division," although no actual vote has been taken. The Catholics, not believing in divorce, do not wish to give their support to a bill to make it unanimous. Although all the members of the House of Commons have been supplied with the printed evidence in the case which has been taken before the Senate Committee, it is not customary for any discussion to take place in the Commons.

The Government's Attitude

Last year a bill originated in the Senate asking that the courts of Ontario be given the power to grant divorce, but when this bill was brought to the Commons, the Government were loath to take it up and no private member would put his name to it. This year a similar bill was passed in the Senate and reached the Commons early in the Session and was sponsored by an Ontario member. Again the Government has appeared loath to take it up. The bill was read once and then went according to routine under the heading of Public Bills and Orders, but owing to the amount of work of the House it will, in all probability, not be reached this session. The Government have the right

to move the bill forward, and as it is of such importance they have been requested to do so. With this they have refused to comply, as divorce is of course a contentious subject among their members.

Many have felt that the present state of affairs is unsatisfactory. Divorce bills were coming in by dozens at once—I believe this year there are some three hundred—taking up time in the few hours given to Private Members Bills, and at the same time the consideration being most superficial.

There is no general divorce law, I believe, and it is usually granted when adultery is proved, with no provision made for alimony, which in some cases causes extreme hardship—no provision made for the maintenance of the children, and also the divorced persons are allowed to remarry although sometimes proven to be the victims of horrible diseases. These members felt that if divorces were to be granted, consideration should be given to matters that affect not only the individuals, but the country. The Senate this year, I might say, is introducing a bill forbidding the marriage of persons suffering from venereal diseases, I believe.

Credit is due Mr. Woodsworth for his taking the leading part in drawing the attention of the House to this subject, because it necessitated his interfering with the usual routine in the matter, and interfering with a custom which is easy always causes harsh criticism from some quarters.

Some Criticised Expenditures

Another matter that has caused a lot of discussion and comment is the expenditure of the Government in beautifying Ottawa, and also expenditures in connection with the residences of the Governor General at Rideau Hall in Ottawa and at the Citadel in Quebec.

No one objects to beautifying Ottawa, which is already well known as a most beautiful capital city, but many of the Western Farmer and Labor men, supported by some of the Conservatives, have objected to the extensive improvements in such a limited time. Every year some \$250,000 is spent for the upkeep, and now they have asked for and obtained nine million dollars, which of course will amount to much more when the interest is all paid. The protesting members have felt that was too much with so many other crying needs in the country.

Reception Room Before Kitchen

To me it is like having a beautifully kept reception room, which of course we should all like to have, but it is like getting it before we have the necessary equipment in the kitchen to prepare wholesome food properly for the family, and while we are still underpaying our kitchen staff when they are working. I think that we can be accused a bit of "trying to keep up with the Joneses," the Joneses in this instance being the United States. We hear much of the ambition of making this the Washington

of the North, not stopping to realize that young families and young countries must wait before they can have what they want. A country of some nine million people can hardly be expected to furnish taxes to make a capital that will compare with a capital of a country of one hundred and fifteen million.

Voice of Protest

The expenditures for the upkeep of the Governor General's residence have rarely been criticized in Parliament, but this year it was felt that it was high time that a voice of protest was raised. In addition to the greatly increased expenditures for Rideau Hall, the old residence in Quebec is being refurnished at great expense, although the Governor General lives there for only a short time each year and as there is such a palatial hotel in Quebec it was felt by many that a suite could be rented there when necessary. If we are to have representatives of royalty we must realize we must pay the price, but there is a limit, and I think our men were quite justified in their stand, although I assure you in some quarters they are much criticized. It seems to me that our Cabinets sometimes get out of touch with the needs, the burdens and the outlook of the people.

The estimates are slowly going through, with allowance for objects necessary and unnecessary, for city and country, and our public needs and wants seem to increase each year as do our private ones.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Activities of the U.F.W.A.

DANCE AIDS DUES

Granum U.F.W.A. Local have adopted the plan of charging members \$1 each in cash and making up the balance of the dues by a dance. Mrs. Lydia Arlt, secretary-treasurer, states in a letter recently received.

WOMEN ORGANIZE AND MEN RE-ORGANIZE

Scapa U.F.W.A. Local was organized recently by Mrs. Mary Banner, Mrs. F. Lyxzen being elected president and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, secretary. At the same meeting, which was well attended, the men's Local was reorganized.

ROTHWELL SOCIAL

Rothwell U.F.W.A. Local had a most successful social, sale of work and dance before seeding, which realized about \$40, reports Mrs. W. H. Shield, in writing to wish the Young People's Conference all success, and forwarding five dollars for the Junior Conference Fund.

FORM CHOIR AT WINONA

A choir is being formed by the Winona U.F.W.A. Local and later it is hoped to organize a band. The Local is "doing very nicely," reports Mrs. V. G. Clay, "Last meeting each woman brought baked beans, brown bread, fruit and pickles, and we had a buffet supper—a nice social time. The business part of the

meeting dealt with the high cost of dying. After seeding we hope to have a picnic supper and meeting by the Battle River."

BASKETRY DEMONSTRATION

The U.F.W.A. Gleichen Local finished a very successful three days' basketry course on May 7th, Miss E. Knox being the demonstrator. Those who attended were very interested in the work and decided that Miss Knox was a fine teacher, states the secretary, Miss M. Goodwin.

"DUTY TO NEW CANADIANS"

At a U.F.W.A. Local meeting held on May 12th, reports the *Tofield Mercury*, Mrs. Baptist gave a paper on "Our Duty to New Canadians," which "was evidence that she has given the subject a great deal of study and thought, and we suspect she has been practicing her ideas on the subject for a long time. She was given a hearty vote of thanks by the members present. One visitor, Mrs. Bigland, a newcomer in the district, was present. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Bigland in our Local, and hope any other newcomers in the district will follow her excellent example."

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

A membership contest—East vs. West—to end in the present month, has been launched by the Blackie U.F.W.A. Local. The losing side will entertain the winners. Mrs. Alice Kennedy, secretary of the Local, reports that a paper on infectious diseases was given at the April meeting by Miss McLeod, superintendent of the High River municipal hospital, while Mrs. Kumlin gave a paper in May on "Duties of Members and Officers"; Mrs. McAllister, "Legal Status of Women in Alberta." This month Mrs. B. Cousens will give a demonstration of paper flowers and smoking. This Local now has 29 members.

APPRECIATE MRS. FIELD'S VISIT

The Standard U.F.W.A., at a recent meeting, voted to send Helen Gregory, Rosella Drysdale and Audrey Wagle to the Junior Conference. On May 8th, convening at the home of Mrs. Gregory to meet Mrs. J. W. Field, Provincial Convener of Health, the Local had the pleasure of hearing a most interesting and instructive address on this subject. Mrs. Buckley, director for Bow River, gave a valuable talk on the duties of a Director; and Mrs. F. E. Wyman interested the women in a discussion on the Junior Conference, writes the publicity secretary Mrs. Frona Wirt. After much discussion this Local voted to send in a fee to the League of Nations union.

PROGRAM AT CARSTAIRS

"The Carstairs U.F.W.A. met Saturday, May 12th, a most interesting program being given under the leadership of Mrs. Geo. Haag. The meeting opened with the 'Rally Song' which was composed by Mrs. Retelsdorf, followed by Mrs. Retelsdorf reciting a poem which she had composed, 'Sunny Alberta.' Marjory Llewellyn then gave a reading, and as an encore, a musical reading, 'Papa's getting older, Mamma's getting younger.' Mr. Ing spoke to us on 'Fifty Years Ago, Twenty-five Years Ago, Today and Tomorrow.' His talk was most instructive and was enjoyed by all. The roll call was responded to by members giving the year and birth place of their mothers. Mesdames Roy McArthur, Wm. Francis and R. Shaw were hostesses." — *Carstairs News*.

PICTURE BUTTE ENTERTAINS

Picture Butte U.F.W.A. Local entertained the Iron Springs U.F.W.A. Local and the Newlands Community Club at a Mother's Day meeting on May 9th. A paper on the origin and sentiments attaching to the observance of this special day was given by Mrs. L. Hunt, president, and Mrs. Becker gave several readings and musical selections. Luncheon was served by the hostesses, Mrs. C. Gillies, Mrs. W. Gillies, Mrs. J. M. Gibbons, Mrs. Muirhead and Mrs. Hunt. Over forty persons attended this very successful gathering, Mrs. Eva M. Shaw, secretary-treasurer reports. The Picture Butte Local held a baby clinic on May 14th, when 37 children were examined.

TEA HELPS FINANCES

"We serve tea after each meeting, taking a collection, which helps our finances a great deal," states Mrs. M. M. Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the Waterville U.F.W.A. Local, in submitting a brief report of the activities of this women's Local. This northern Local sent a delegate to the U.F.W.A. Convention this year, whose report proved very interesting to the members. The program for the year is summarized as follows: February, report of delegate; March, poultry marketing; April, housecleaning hints; May, the flower garden; June, education; July, health; August, social; September, legislation as affecting women and children; November, discussion on resolutions; December, annual meeting, followed by banquet.

HAVE SURVIVED HARD TIMES

"We had a good round table talk with Mrs. J. W. Field and Mrs. Buckley, our Director, on May 2nd, which proved most interesting, and we hope to see them again with us sometime soon," Mrs. Blanche Lewis, secretary of Travers U.F.W.A. Local, writes. This Local, which has bravely carried on through hard times, has good prospects now of a number of new members. Meetings are held on the second and last Tuesdays of each month, "the men meeting the same day and the women serving lunch, which makes it more interesting for all. We serve supper for the dances every two weeks and in this way manage to meet our expenses. We are making a quilt and planning on a bazaar as soon as the busy time is over."

STRATHCONA PROGRAM

"We have very interesting meetings in Strathcona Local, although our membership is small," writes Mrs. Edith Cooper, secretary, in forwarding five dollars for the Junior Conference Fund. "We have a good many visitors, who are always ready to join in the discussions and help to make the meetings interesting."

Mrs. Cooper forwards the program of this Local for the year. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday in each month, commencing at 2:30 p.m. For the remainder of 1928 the program includes a paper on current events by Mrs. Lang and reading by Mrs. Bishop and consideration of legislative bulletin at the June meeting; U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. picnic at the University of Alberta in July; exchange of Local in August; "Recent Famous Doctors and Their Work," reading by Mrs. Saunders; talk on current events by Mrs. Hosford; demonstration on First Aid by Miss Conway; health bulletin, in September; discussion on current events led by Mrs. Duncan in October, followed by debate on the League

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of Nations in which Mrs. Frampton, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Cooper will participate; at the November meeting members will bring small gifts for the hospital for cases of infantile paralysis, Mrs. McIntyre will outline current events and there will be a discussion on immigration. The annual meeting for election of officers will be held in December, when Mrs. Christie will give a Christmas reading.

CLINIC AT RANFURLY

Under the auspices of the U.F.W.A. Local a Baby Clinic was held recently. Nurse Emmenson, of the Department of Health, assisted by Miss Black, public health nurse, of Vegreville, were in charge. The clinic was considered very successful in every way, 27 babies being examined, and the mothers being very appreciative of the kindness shown. On Saturday of the same week, the U.F.W.A. were again the means of bringing Mrs. Conquest, "Radio Lady" of the Red Cross, to give a talk to the women, which was much enjoyed in the afternoon, and in the evening, her talk on "Health and the Red Cross", illustrated with pictures, was listened to with interest by both the school children and grown ups.

HOLD JOINT MEETING

"A joint meeting of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. J. Brooks, on Friday evening, May 11th, forty being present. After the business part of the meeting Mr. Gardiner, local lawyer, gave a talk on the Municipal Hospital scheme and quite a discussion followed. Miss Marie Brooks gave a pianoforte solo and Mrs. Drysdale recited A paper on 'Mothers' Day' was read by Mrs. North, which had been prepared by Mrs. Albert Six. Solos were sung by Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Drysdale. It was announced by the Secretary that a millinery course conducted by Mrs. Nye will be held from August 10 to 15. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the Juniors, which everybody enjoyed."—*Stettler Independent*.

MRS. FIELD AT ENCHANT

"Enchant U.F.W.A., at their monthly meeting, held on Thursday afternoon, May 3rd, had the great pleasure of a visit from Mrs. J. W. Field, Convener of Health for the Province, and Mrs. J. C. Buckley, Director for the Bow River Constituency," reports the secretary, Mrs. Anna Sears. "There was a very good attendance, which included a number of the newly organized Juniors. Mrs. Field's very interesting address was much enjoyed by all and was followed by a few remarks on the different activities of the movement by Mrs. Buckley. Community singing was participated in at the meeting, and at the close a dainty lunch was served, the hostesses for the afternoon being Mrs. W. J. Orr, Mrs. O. Howg and Mrs. H. Laycock."

U.F.W.A. PROSPECTS AT VERDUN

Mrs. D. J. Christie, U.F.W.A. Director for Wetaskiwin, visited the Verdun U.F.A. on the occasion of a recent meeting, when preliminary steps which it is hoped will lead to the formation of a strong U.F.W.A. Local were taken. There was a splendid turnout at the meeting, and the Haultain young people presented an excellent program. At the conclusion of the proceedings it was too late to carry out the plans for the formation of the U.F.W.A. The advantages of linking up the Young People's Club with the Junior U.F.A.

are apparent, and it is hoped that this may be possible in the near future. In forwarding her report, Mrs. Christie welcomes Miss Bateman to the secretaryship of the U.F.W.A., and expresses appreciation of her services and of her outstanding ability.

WESTLING ACTIVITIES

"The motto of our Local for 1928 is: 'Brighten the Corner where you are.' We, as members of the Local, endeavor to visit and reach all the sick in our community and in that way brighten the corners. Flowers are sent to any of our members who are seriously ill," writes Mrs. C. I. Williams, secretary of Westling U.F.W.A., in an interesting report on the Local's activities.

"The Local forwarded the sum of \$25 last November to the Red Cross extension office at Edmonton. This was sent as a donation to help them carry on the wonderful work they are doing.

"The Local has given a play at the school entitled, 'Home Ties,' and I am sure all who heard it would declare it a great success. We all had a hearty laugh, I can assure you. The play was put on at Milton School later; also at Clive and Tees. The sum of \$166.25 was realized from it.

"An interesting sewing demonstration, lasting three days, was held at the home of Mrs. C. I. Williams, the Westling U.F.W.A. and the lady members of the Long Valley Local amalgamating. A great deal of enthusiasm was shown and a large crowd was present.

"A joint meeting was held by the Westling U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals in April, when the idea of building a community hall, situated in Westling district, was discussed. The majority of those present seemed enthusiastic. Two committees were appointed to look into cost and location of building, etc., and report later."

BATTLE BEAVER PROGRAM

A copy of the very interesting program for the year which is being followed by Battle Beaver U.F.W.A. has been received. This Local meets twice every month. The program for June 2nd includes discussion on current events led by Mrs. Turner, paper on child training in the home by Mrs. Fiss, talk on Young People's Work by Miss Briggs; on June 23rd, Mrs. Spehar will outline current events, and Mrs. Hoefling will give a paper on the benefits of a baby clinic. In July, Mrs. Bateman will speak on current events, and there will be a paper on the school as a community centre by Mrs. E. Pillman, while Mrs. Pigeon will talk on legislation. Other features of the program in summary will be: August 4th, current events, Mrs. Pigeon; our duty to the foreign immigrants, Mrs. Spehar; social service, Mrs. Hoefling. August 25th, current events, Mrs. Johnstone; paper, co-operation of parents and teacher, Mrs. Bateman. September 15th, current events, Mrs. Hoefling; paper, storing winter vegetables, Mrs. Cassidy; immigration, Mrs. Borth. October 6th, current events, Mrs. Fiss; paper, which is more profitable, corn or chickens, Mrs. Prost; health and child welfare, Mrs. Bateman; October 27th, current events, Mrs. Norris; paper, legal status of women in Alberta. November 17th, current events, Mrs. Pillman; paper, home-made labor savers, Mrs. Pigeon; education, Mrs. Turner. December 8th, current events, Mrs. Cassidy; election of officers; aims of the U.F.W.A.; peace and arbitration, Mrs. Spehar; convention call, Mrs. Fiss.

In addition to the special subjects, members will discuss such useful matters as grouping of flowers, simple stain remover, recipe for salad, favorite canning recipe, recent discoveries, simple gifts for Christmas, and so forth.

"The U.F.A." Pattern Department

Send orders to *The U.F.A. Pattern Department*, Lougheed Bldg., Calgary. Allow ten days for receipt of pattern. Be sure to give name, address, size and number of pattern required.



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THE REASON WHY

Mother—Billy, why are you making your little brother cry?

Billy—I'm not. He's dug a hole and he's crying because he can't bring it into the house.—*Strand*.

TRAINING DOES IT

Peggy had been to the circus, and being somewhat naughty when she came back she was asked by her mother, "Don't you think that if dogs and ponies and monkeys can obey so well, a little girl who knows so much more than animals should obey even more readily?"

Peggy thought a moment, then replied, "Yes, of course, if she had been as well trained."—*Exchange*.

Seasonable Recipes

By AUNT CORDELIA

Ham Omelet. Beat separately the whites and yolks of four eggs. Add to the yolks 2 teaspoons butter (melted), a pinch of salt, and 1 cup finely chopped ham. Make a paste of 1 heaping teaspoon flour and 1-4 cup milk, gradually add the remaining 3-4 cup milk and the beaten egg whites. Combine the two mixtures, pour into hot, well-greased pan, and bake in moderate oven for fifteen minutes. (Bacon may be used instead of ham, if preferred.)

Scalloped Potatoes and Ham. Peel and slice enough potatoes to fill a greased baking dish to within an inch of the top; sprinkle with flour, salt and pepper; pour in milk to cover. Place a fairly thick slice of ham over the whole, and bake 50 minutes in a moderate oven.

Egg Salad. Bring to boiling point 1 1-2 cups water and 3-4 cup vinegar; pour over 1 package of mint jelly powder, stir; divide into three tumblers; when nearly set, place 2 hard-boiled eggs in each tumbler, one above the other. When the jelly has hardened, remove from tumblers and slice on a platter of lettuce leaves; garnish with mayonnaise.

Director Makes Tour With Vice-President

Much Interest in Health Matters Shown in Bow River—Spirit of Loyalty in Locals

Interest in the various activities available to U.F.W.A. Locals was keen, and with one exception all meetings in the Bow River Constituency addressed by Mrs. J. W. Field, Vice-President, were well attended, states Mrs. J. C. Buckley, Director for the Constituency, in a report on an itinerary of almost two weeks recently completed. Mrs. Buckley and Mrs. Field jointly attended and participated in the series of meetings. Mrs. Field commented on the fine spirit of loyalty and great enthusiasm in U.F.W.A. work evinced at all points visited.

On the way to Tudor a call was made at Meadow Brook Hall, Tudor, where a basketry demonstration was being given, in charge of Miss Knox, of the Department of Extension. Throughout the itinerary, said Mrs. Buckley, especial interest was shown in the subject of health, upon which Mrs. Field, being convener, could give so much information.

The tour included a joint meeting of Locals at Milo and Queenstown, Enchant and Kasimir, and meetings at Midway, Badger Lake, Travers, Sundial, Berrywater, Tudor, Nightingale, Standard, Ardenode, and Baintree.

"I would like to thank all those who contributed to making the itinerary so successful," said Mrs. Buckley.

"The majority of people do not place any great value upon truth. What they value most is ease, and whether what they value is a lie or a truth troubles them but little. It is only the few who have fought for the world's truths. The vast majority have fought hard to keep in existence the world's convicted lies."

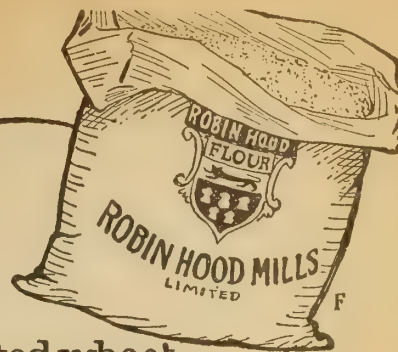
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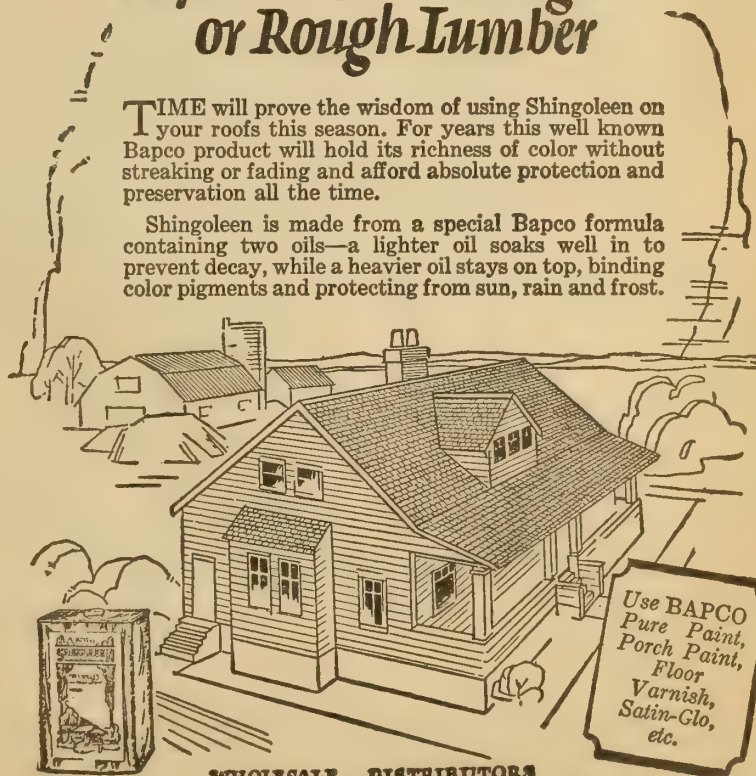


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Some Conference Features

Dear Juniors:

By the time this reaches you, those of you who are fortunate enough to be attending the Conference will be busy making preparation, if you have not already completed your preparations.

I am sorry we have not had opportunity before this of telling you some of the things you will do during your stay at the University, but program arrangements were unavoidably late this year.

The first day, the girls will have a sewing lesson in the morning (the girls are requested to take scissors, thimble and needles with them) and in the afternoon, home nursing. The boys will have animal husbandry. In the evening one of the Cabinet Ministers and a representative of the University will address the Conference. That is a fairly representative day. Other subjects taken up will be horticulture, field husbandry, poultry, and dairying for the boys, and home economics, horticulture, and poultry for the girls.

Places of interest will also be visited, such as the Parliament Buildings, the new Edmonton City Dairy Plant, the Art Gallery, and a reception will be given for the delegates at Government House.

On Friday we all attend the theatre, and on the last day, Tuesday, a banquet and dance is given. Thursday the public speaking contest is held.

Saturday afternoon the Annual Business meeting of the Junior U.F.A. is held. At this meeting officers will be elected and any business discussed. Delegates will be expected to give a report of the activities of their Local during the past year.

We should like once again to remind the girls to bring needles, scissors and thimbles, and if you have any small article with which you would like help, bring it along too.

Faternally yours,
EDNA M. HULL,
Secretary.

ROYAL PARK JUNIORS ORGANIZE

The young people of Royal Park recently organized a Junior Local, twenty-four boys and girls signing the roll. Wm. Kostash was elected president, John Porayko, vice-president, and Steve Pawlink, secretary-treasurer. Five directors were also elected.

JUNIORS CHOOSE DELEGATES

At the last meeting of the Rosyth Juniors, held at the home of one of the members May 10th, Marion Kobitzsch and Arthur Gorley were chosen as delegates to the Junior Conference. At this meeting fourteen Juniors were present and three new members joined.

HEAR U.F.W.A. OFFICERS

When Mrs. Field, Second Vice-President of the U.F.W.A., and Mrs. Buckley, Director for Bow River, visited Enchant recently, the Juniors were permitted to leave school early to hear them, and many took advantage of the opportunity and enjoyed the meeting very much. At the last meeting of the Juniors it was decided that at each meeting the names of three members should be drawn, these members

to give a three-minute speech at the next meeting on some subject of interest to the members.

LOYALTY JUNIORS CLEAR \$20

At the April meeting of the Loyalty Juniors a cake and candy contest was held, and plans for a model farm were made. A play and dance held recently were very successful, over twenty dollars being cleared. Four delegates are being sent to the Conference and five or six members are planning to go as visitors.

HOLD SPELLING BEE

Picture Butte Juniors held a spelling match recently and invited their mothers, "because it was close to Mother's Day," states Kenneth Gibbons, secretary, in a report. First prize, a pair of gold fishes, was won by Betty Hunt, Nelson Finley winning second—a box of chocolates. The Juniors have started a paper, *The Picture Butte Eyeopener*, which is read at every meeting.

HARMONY JUNIORS

The regular monthly meeting of the Harmony Juniors of Athabasca was held on May 5th. The roll call was answered by a short verse. A very interesting talk on "Pig Farming" was given by one of the members, and it was decided that each member have a garden and money received for the produce be used by the Juniors. The Seniors and Juniors are planning a dance for the twenty-third of May.

TO SAVE MEMBER'S EYESIGHT

At a recent dance held by the Eckville Juniors the sum of forty-six dollars was realized and this was handed over to one of the members who is threatened with loss of eyesight and who is, with the help of the Juniors, going to Rochester in an endeavor to retain her sight. Two delegates are going from the Local to the Junior Conference. The young people are planning another dance to be held June 1st.

MCCAFFERTY JUNIOR OFFICERS

The officers chosen by the McCafferty Juniors for 1928 are: Leslie Rae, president; Mary Cram, vice-president; Florence Carney, secretary. The Local has a paid-up membership of twenty-eight. The Juniors had a sale table at a recent Fowl Supper given by the ladies of the district, and six dollars was realized. A very successful dance was also held recently. Each member is planting a flower garden, the flowers to be judged in the fall and prizes given the best bouquets.

JUNIORS AT STANMORE

"Stanmore Junior U.F.A. held a successful meeting on Saturday afternoon with a fairly good attendance. While the crowd was gathering Amy Adams led the youngsters in community singing which they very evidently enjoyed thoroughly. The outstanding item of the program was a spelling match, Walter Davis and Charlie Burton being chosen as leaders. However the girls seemed to be the star spellers. Grace Levine held up the honor of her side for a long time single-handed against Bessie King and Carrie

Mallory until a trick word brought defeat to all the contestants. After the close of the meeting the young folk indulged in a few games with the same vigor with which they tackle everything."—*Plain-dealer*.

GATHER YE ROSEBUDS!

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying;
And this same rose which smiles today,
Tomorrow will be dying.

—Robert Herrick.

THE CHALLENGE OF YOUTH

"The idea, long respectable and impressive, that success in life is measured by money and social position does not need to be examined very closely for its narrowness to be apparent. A little acquaintance with people who have won this kind of success is enough to make one sensible of its limitations. And one may be convinced of the inadequacy of this viewpoint without in any way despising money (i.e. the really sound delights and advantages that money will obtain) or the respect of one's fellows, which is not necessarily a matter of snobbish class distinctions; indeed, the true respect that is worth having is that which is legitimately claimed and held by our personal significance and achievements in life. But not all the money in the world will of itself give anyone a happy, intelligent attitude toward life—one may have a large drawing account at the bank yet a very small drawing account in terms of real living—and nothing can be more foolish than a meticulous regard for what is narrowly called 'society', which for all its gilded show and pretended superiority enslaves its members in a very poor sort of routine, and, what is worst of all, warps and suppresses their natural impulses.

"Success in life, more largely defined, means self-realization and happiness and naturalness. It means *living*. It is this idea of success which is to a great extent winning attention from modern youth. Young people today want, above all, to live. They do not want to miss the real joys and experiences of life; even more, they rebel against the notion of denying themselves these joys and experiences. The challenge of youth to age is, I believe, found essentially in youth's determination to realize, in a more free and positive way, the full possibilities of human nature; both in its natural outlet and in its civilized method. Youth insists upon giving nature a chance, while at the same time it makes use of the improved accessories of civilization—and not least, of a civilized, modern viewpoint—for its purposes."—*E. Haldeman-Julius*.

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To love liberty above everything;
And even if it be for a kingdom,
Never to betray truth."

—Beethoven, the great composer.

MERELY A DIPLOMAT

Doughboy—Aw, what do you know about war?

Leatherneck—Nothin', buddy. Not a thing. War's something I don't know nothin' about. But I got two medals in an intervention, three machete cuts in a pacification, and six bullet wounds in a punitive expedition.—*Life*.

Winners in Spillers' "Bake-Rite" Flour Contest

W. Norman Smith, editor of *The U.F.A.*, who acted as judge in the contest held by Spillers' Canadian Milling Co., Ltd., has submitted his decisions, and the prize-winners will receive a personal letter from Spillers Canadian Milling Co. Ltd., informing them of their success. The correct solution of the picture puzzle was: "Spillers Bake-Rite. The quality Housewife's Flour. Ask your Grocer (Dealer, Merchant)."

First Prize, \$100

Name selected, "Spillers White Gold."

Mrs. Arthur B. Falla, Sedgewick, Alberta.

The following also submitted the same name:
Second prize, \$50.00, Mary G. McGregor, Box 525, Glenmore District, Kelowna, B.C.; Third Prize, \$25.00, Mrs. Iva Hopkins, Maughan, Alta.; Fourth Prize, \$10.00, Mrs. J. W. Wythe, Miniata, Manitoba.

Ten Prizes of \$5.00 each:

Mrs. Neil Currie, Howarden, Sask.; Mrs. J. Whitmore, Aston, Excel, Alta.; Mrs. H. Walker, Brightview, Alta.; Mrs. N. Van de Veen, Box 11, Burns Lake, B.C.; Mrs. A. B. Cole, Box 66, Heisler, Alta.; Mrs. James Clarke, Streamstown, Alta.; Mrs. Ernest Alvis, Dunfermline, Sask.; Mrs. Arthur Turner, Box 279, Cochrane, Alta.; Mrs. James T. Mitchell, Wellwood, Man.; Mrs. D. F. Norris, Sibbald, Alta.

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Ten Prizes of \$2.00 each:

Mrs. Jas. S. Gibson, Tyrone Farm, Swartz Bay, Sidney, B.C.; Mrs. O. W. Fiedler, Vegreville, Alta.; Mrs. J. I. Woodrow, Monitor, Alta.; Mrs. Joseph Robinson, Hanna, Alberta; Mrs. I. Edwards, Busby, Alta.; Mrs. E. L. Knapp, Box 95, Luseland, Sask.; Mrs. Judson Archibald, Luseland, Sask.; Mrs. E. Spence, R.R.2, Tuxford, Sask.; Mrs. J. B. Beckett, Box 37, Kinley, Sask.; Mrs. Carruthers, Nonominto, Man.

There were also one hundred prizes of \$1.00 each.

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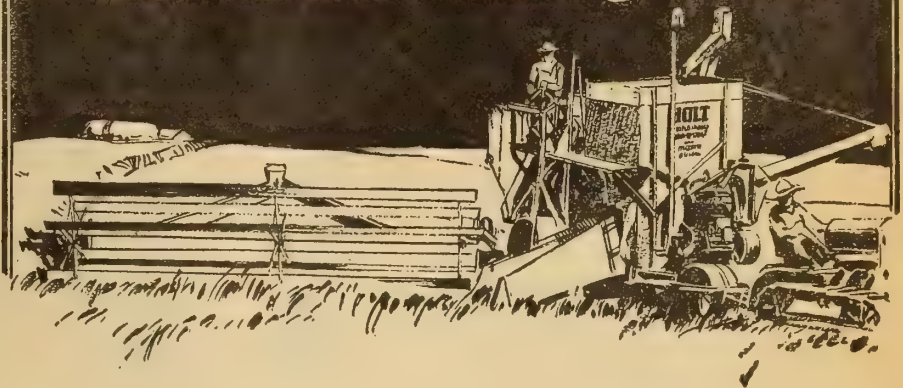
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Comparison of Pool and Drovers Prices at Eckville

An Analysis of the Figures—How Drover System and Pool System Works

In the last issue of *The U.F.A.* there was a letter from George Christie, of Eckville, in which he pointed out that at his point, Eckville, which is west of Red Deer about 35 miles, it costs 60 cents per hundred to ship cattle to the Pool and it only costs the drover 39 cents per hundred to ship cattle to other commission firms on the yards; consequently, Mr. Christie states, he cannot see why the farmers should transfer their business from the private drover to the Pool.

These figures should be analysed very carefully to see that the comparison is fair. The Pool rate of 60 cents per hundred for cattle was set by the Board of Directors of the Medicine Valley Shipping Association, after a very careful survey of the costs of shipping from that territory, the probable volume of stock which would be handled, and the probable number of light loads which they would have throughout the year. As a matter of fact the freight rate of 20¢ was increased last year to 21.9¢, in the Medicine Valley Association, caused by light loads, extra switching charges to complete, etc. All these costs must be figured on, and included when setting the rate. The Association year has just been completed and they have refunded 5 cents per hundred to all their cattle shippers, and in actual practice, 55 cents per hundred was the shipping cost for cattle shipped through that Association, as under the co-operative system, any surplus left over is prorated back to the shippers.

Service 55 Cents per Hundred

This Association maintains a weekly service the year round, from approximately nine points, taking part cars from many points and completing them with cattle from other points. Sometimes to maintain this weekly service at the shipping points they consolidate the stock from three and sometimes four points. To do this means that there is additional freight to be paid as well as additional sub-shippers' expenses for that car. This service was maintained by that shipping association for the year at 55 cents per hundred. The drover's service is casual and he only gives it when it will bring him a profit, and the drover takes care of his assembling expenses from his margin of profit. The drover's expense of 39 cents per hundred for shipping to other commission firms includes none of these things. It is a bare expense of shipping one twenty thousand pound car of cattle from Eckville to Calgary, and having it sold on the yards. The drover who drives the country and collects the cattle into a car load for shipment, is not allowed one cent for expenses nor one cent for profit from the 39 cents per hundred charged to getting cattle on the market. Last fall the drovers were sending a great many cattle on the market from this territory and over and above these costs, were

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Comparative costs in shipping cattle from Eckville to the Calgary Yards by the Drover for sale through the ordinary Commission Firm, and by the Medicine Valley Shipping Association for sale by the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd.:

| Drover | | Medicine Valley Shipping Association | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---|----------|
| Freight..... | \$ 41.00 | Freight, 20,000 lb. at 20¢ per 100 | \$ 41.00 |
| Cleaning Car..... | .75 | Cleaning Car..... | .75 |
| Bedding Car..... | 1.00 | Bedding Car..... | 1.00 |
| Brand Inspection..... | 2.20 | Brand Inspection 22 head..... | 2.20 |
| Yardage..... | 7.70 | Yardage, 22 at 35c..... | 7.70 |
| Fire Insurance..... | .15 | Fire Insurance..... | .15 |
| Hay in Yards..... | 6.00 | Hay in Yards, 4 bales..... | 6.00 |
| Commission..... | 17.00 | Commission..... | 17.00 |
| Local Weigher..... | 1.20 | Local Weighing, 50 per head..... | 1.20 |
| Expense assembling load unknown..... | | Reserve 1-8 of 1 per cent, A.C.L.P..... | 1.50 |
| Drovers Profit unknown..... | | Local Commission 10c per 100 lb..... | 20.00 |
| | | Local Reserve, 5c per 100 lb..... | 10.00 |
| | | Profit—None..... | |
| | <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| | \$ 77.00 | | \$108.50 |

Casual Service—

Shipping and Selling Expense—

38½c per 100 lb.

1. Drivers Expense and Profit not known.
2. The Reserve of 1-3 of 1 per cent taken by the Alberta Co-operative Live Stock Producers, Ltd., is used to build up a commercial reserve which is necessary to insure the A.C.L.P. proper credit at the bank for financing. This Reserve is the property of the members.
3. The Local Commission, 10c per hundred lbs. pays the shipper, subshippers, and bookkeeping, exchange, interest and other minor expenses of the Association.
4. The Local Reserve, 5c per hundred, pays for the scales and equipment at the nine shipping points, carries the insurance against dead and crippled animals and is a reserve against any contingencies that may arise in the business. This reserve once built up can be reduced to suit the needs of the Association. It is the property of the members of the Medicine Valley Shipping Association.

Weekly Service—

Assembling Shipping and Selling Expense—

54½c per 100 lb.

making a profit of from \$10 to \$30 per head on the cattle which they were buying and shipping in this way.

Not Shown in Drover Costs

In shipping through the Association, the actual figures show 55 cents per 100 against the drover's 38½¢ per 100. The Association shows in that figure the assembling cost, which is not shown in the drover cost. On a 20,000 lb. car, this makes a difference of \$31.50. For this \$31.50 the producer takes care of the assembling cost besides building reserves in both his local shipping Association and his Central Selling Agency, which are his own property.

The amount of \$31.50 per car for assembling and reserves is very small compared with the \$200 to \$400 made by drovers last fall, and from which they took care of assembling and profit.

When Drivers Are Active

Further, in shipping through and maintaining your local Association you are building a service that will handle a car load or a single animal whenever it is ready to ship, whenever your stock is in the best condition and will bring you the most money, rather than when it will pay the drover the most profit to ship. Did you ever see drovers active on a stagnant or falling market? No. They put forth their efforts on a rising market, like last fall, or a market that will yield them a profit.

The price you are paid, whether you belong and ship through an Association or sell to the drover, is in relationship to the yard or market price.

Can one organization with a large volume to sell force the few packer buyers into a buyers' competition? Can a few packer buyers with the volume badly split among sellers, get together and force the sellers into a sellers' competition? The packer must have stock and will compete strenuously against his fellow packer to get his requirements. The packer is a keen business man, and is buying to the best advantage. Sell to your own best advantage, by giving your Association control of volume so that they can be a factor in setting the price.

PASTURE AND GREEN FEED FOR HOGS

For brood sows and young breeding pigs pasture provides not only the cheapest but the most healthful method of feeding. It favours the growth of both bone and muscle and the development of a vigorous condition. For hogs that are fattening pasturing has its disadvantages, particularly with the active bacon hog which will use up an undue amount of energy in excessive exercise. The subject of feeding swine, dealt with in Circular No. 61 of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, recommends for breeding hogs a pasture of red clover and alfalfa, or fine grass, with accessible water and shade. If no pasture is available, it is the practice at the Experimental Farms on which the circular is based, to supply fresh green feed liberally with such crops as clover, alfalfa, grass, green peas and oats. Even such weeds as lamb's quarter and pigweed are relished by hogs that benefit greatly by feeding upon them. This circular.

which is obtainable from the Publications Branch of the Department, discusses rations, self feeding and hand feeding, and gives helpful advice on the ailments to which hogs are subject on the average farm.

Alberta Department of Agriculture Warns Against Lard Hogs

**The Question of Contract Enforcement—
Type of Hogs Not Desirable for
Alberta**

(By Publicity Commissioner, Edmonton.)

It has come to the attention of the Department of Agriculture that a representative of the Central United States Swine Company is working his way north and is now busy in the Blindman Valley. He states that the company has the permission and endorsement of the Alberta Government to carry on their work here.

It may be pointed out that the company's officials have never called on the Alberta Department of Agriculture to discuss the matter of bringing a lard type of hog into this Province. They have, however, registered under the Foreign Companies Act by reason of which they can do business. This permit was secured from the Provincial Secretary's Department, and not from the Department of Agriculture.

How License Is Secured

In order to secure a license the chief things which the Company is required to do are as follows: To appoint an attorney resident in the Province; to give the location of its headquarters and statement of assets and liabilities. Under the circumstances, the Provincial Secretary's Department has no option but to grant the license when application is made. It will be noted that the assets of this company are owned almost entirely in the United States. *If it became necessary for any purchaser of Chester White hogs to enforce the terms of his contract with the company, it would first be necessary to sue in Alberta; a Canadian judgment, however, would of itself not be of much value without recourse to the Courts of the United States in an action upon such judgment.*

Department Does Not Approve

The Department does not approve of this breed of hogs coming into the Province, as they are distinctly of the lard type, and Provincial and Dominion Governments have been for years trying to encourage farmers to raise the bacon type hog because of the unlimited demand for bacon and the very limited and uncertain market for lard hogs.

Giving an order for an animal without having seen it is not good business. Officials of the Department have seen them at Coutts and report them to be a poor lot and many of them, including the boars, a very inferior bunch of pigs.

The price being paid for these pigs is altogether too high, and the taking of these young gilts depends upon the ability of the company to organize other clubs and sell this stock again at a greatly advanced price. The contract states that the gilts will be taken back at a certain price if up to a certain standard. The question arises at once as to who will have the final say about the



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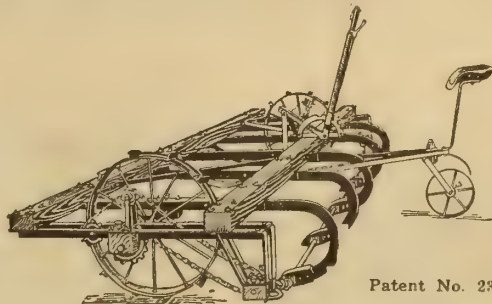
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standard. It will undoubtedly be the company's officials. This is not something that can be determined by mathematical calculation, but is entirely a matter of opinion or judgment.

Not Desirable Type

Farmers are advised to beware of being talked into a scheme of this kind, since if they wish to go into the breeding of pure bred hogs, first-class breeding stock of the approved bacon type can be supplied by our Alberta breeders at a fraction of the cost paid for these hogs coming in from the United States. It may again be emphasized that the breed is not a desirable one for our Province and the introduction of this inferior type of hog will jeopardize the position of Alberta pork products on the export market, where a strong reputation has been carefully built up.

LITTERS WHICH CAN'T BE REGISTERED

May 25th, 1928.

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

A shipment of Chester White Sows being distributed by the Central United States Swine Company, is penned at the Alberta Stockyards, Calgary. Without regard to weight none of these sows are of bacon type. As a lot they are simply prospective third grade breeding stock. They are not good Chester Whites. Some sows are better than others, but the best have been soon sorted out for some of the best boosters for the company.

Litters Can't be Registered

A number are heavy in pig at a weight of 150 to 160 pounds and will farrow very soon. Some of these heavy-in-pig sows were represented by the company's men as only 6 months of age. That being the case pigs from these sows cannot be registered in Canada. The Canadian National Records for swine are a little more particular than that. Any sow or boar less than 5 months of age at time of service renders the litter resulting from the mating ineligible for registration as pure bred in Canada.

The litters of pigs from any one of these sows that farrow under eight months and three weeks of ages will not be accepted for registration in Canada.

Agents state that they will deliver sows of bacon type weighing from 150

to 160 pounds at 6 to 8 months of age, bred if possible, and the progeny eligible for Canadian registry. Either the agent or some of the gits are apt to fool somebody.

A "Come on Game"

The buyers of these Chester Whites comprise two main classes of farmers. One man purchases because the pigs pictured in the literature and described by the agent suggest a good chance to get into good stock. Another man buys sometimes a number of sows, because it looks like a good chance to get in on the ground floor of a first class "come on" game that may attract a good deal of cash from the pockets of other farmers before the scheme breaks down. Company agents have admitted that in final analysis the scheme is rotten, that it depends for its continued profitable success on the company being able continually, year after year, to sell \$35.00 sows for \$105.00. They have admitted that when farmers finally refuse to buy at \$105.00 the company must quit, and previous investors will be out of luck, both out of cash and out of prospects.

Met with argument of that kind an agent appeals to us. "What the Hell does that matter since in while its going good, it will be in years before any body has to holler."

And this is the proposition that the company's agents have been telling the farmers: that the Government, one of our big railroads, ecclesiastical authorities, Board of Trade and prominent newspapers are supporting? I don't believe they will support any scheme which cuts so rotten at the core, devilish in conception and heartless in its ultimate finish.

Some who have responded to the "ground floor of the sucker game" argument have said that any publicity such as this will help to sell their pigs. They must think there are a whole lot of farmers to whom a degenerate plan for making money appeals more than a sound clean business proposition. Maybe.

Prevent Victimization

But furnish the facts. Protect those who would keep their conscience clean. Before long the public conscience awakening will handle the situation to prevent its ultimate success—the victimisation of thousands of other farmers.

Anyone who thinks these sow contracts that have been issued are enforceable on the company has only got to take

one to his lawyer or his banker to learn the truth.

Organized farmers, does it suit you? Are you going to encourage it?

S. G. FREEBORN,
Dist. Swine Grader, Dom. L. S. Branch,
Alberta Stockyards, Calgary.

A WARNING FROM CALIFORNIA

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

Alberta farmers would be exceedingly ill advised to go into raising Chester Whites, on the say so of the Swine Company of Spokane, "charm they ever so wily"; there's a sting in the curly tail somewhere.

It is true that there is a good outlet for Alberta "thick smooths," in certain states of the market, in Seattle, if double deck cars are obtainable: I presume as block hogs.

But after several years' experience in running a fair sized grocery business, I do know that the demand is, almost entirely, for "Select" Eastern Bacon, in fact it is difficult to sell anything else, and I believe that the same conditions obtain all along the Pacific Coast.

Many are going out of the pig business on account of the present period of low priced hogs; probably that is the reason for the anxiety of your neighbors across the line to unload their lard hogs on account of the slackening demand for that type.

It is not so easy to glut the market for select bacon as for block hogs.

There is another angle to the question too, viz.—that there is hardly any commercial demand for "hog lard": the synthetic article being used almost exclusively; shortenings compounded of various vegetable oils from South America mostly, such as Crisco, Snowdrift and Fluffo.

By the law of averages and the fact that many will have cut down on the number of their brood sows, hog raising will probably be profitable next season, but in view of keen competition, it will be best to feature a bacon hog of standard type, as likely to yield the largest number of "Selects."

To start into Chester Whites would surely be progression backwards.

Sincerely yours,

H. F. WILLOUGHBY GREENHILL
Oakland, California.

See Also page 30

LIKE BEGETS LIKE



Large White Yorkshires on a Canadian Farm.

Chester Whites from U.S.A. (Taken at Coutts, Alberta)

(Continued from page 5)

Government refusing radio broadcasting licenses to the four stations of the International Bible Students Association in Canada, and also upon the subject of Government control of radios. Your broadminded treatment of this subject is greatly appreciated, and I would like to thank you for this masterly editorial.

Recently when the Department of Marine and Fisheries tabled in the House of Commons at Ottawa, the correspondence which they claimed contained thousands of complaints against our programs from nearly every Province in the Dominion; it was revealed that there were only 95 pieces of correspondence—14 from Western Canada and 81 from the Toronto district. Considerable of this correspondence referred to the activities of the Association prior to the issuance of radio broadcasting licenses and was therefore irrelevant. As to the nature of the complaints, they can be divided as follows:

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|----------------------------|----|
| Against programs..... | 19 |
| Interference..... | 37 |
| On air too frequently..... | 11 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 28 |

Amongst this correspondence was the memorandum of a popularity contest held by *The Western Producer* in Saskatchewan. *The Western Producer* is the organ of the Wheat Pool, the circulation of which is largely among its own members and farmers in general. Naturally the Wheat Pool station won. [Incidentally, the *Western Producer* opposed editorially the cancellation of the International Bible Students' License.—*Editor*.] This station supplies market reports to the farmers. The contest was on behalf of advertisers seeking a radio advertising medium and as CHUC (Saskatoon) I.B.S.A. station, was not seeking advertisers it did not canvass for votes as did other stations. While the farmers preferred the Station used by the Wheat Pool, I feel sure they did not wish CHUC discontinued.

Petition of 458,026 Signatures

To offset the correspondence above mentioned I might state that the Premier and Members of Parliament received thousands of letters expressing approval of our programs. Over 20,000 letters expressing appreciation of the programs were received and acknowledged by the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The Premier received over 1500 telegrams from all parts of Canada expressing indignation at the Government's action. Mass meetings were held throughout Canada from Halifax to Victoria, all expressing regret at the action of the Government. A monster petition signed by 458,026 persons, of whom 82,468 signified they are owners of radio receiving sets, has been presented to the Premier. This petition calls upon the Premier to renew licenses for I.B.S.A. Radio Stations. I think this is the largest petition ever presented to the Canadian Parliament.

I am glad to say, Mr. Editor, that thousands of farmers in the Province of Alberta have signed the petition, even though not members of our Association. Just how this petition will be treated remains to be seen.

It is untrue that all our programs are of a religious nature; by far the greater portion of the time has been spent in broadcasting sacred and classical music; educational lectures dealing with health, preventive medicine, fire protection, street traffic control, advantages of Ontario Hydro Electric, Ontario Educational System, attractions in Canada for tourists, up-to-date world news items, travel-



Flossy Segts Ormsby, pure bred Holstein cow who was the Canadian Milk Champion in the four year old class last year. According to the record of performance certificate from Ottawa, this champion cow produced 26,991 pounds of milk and 1,067 pounds of butter, for the twelve month's milking test ending January 5th.

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I want also to thank you for the very prompt manner in which this matter has been conducted by your representatives. The claim papers were completed on Saturday, and I have already received your cheque (Tuesday).

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Mrs. May Latimer.

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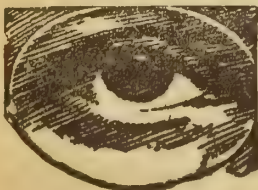
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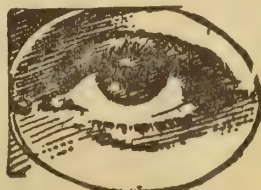
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In view of your very kind editorial on our case I thought that you would be glad to learn some of the facts connected therewith.

Let me again thank you for the interest shown.

Yours very truly,

H. W. McLEAN,
606 15th Street N.W.,
Calgary, Alta.,

Radio Manager International Bible
Students Association, Calgary.

JUDGES' SALARIES

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

As I happened to be the only member from Alberta on the Special Committee appointed to consider the adequacy of the salaries paid to judges, I thought you might be interested in a short letter on the problem.

Fourteen judges and nine representatives of the bar association gave evidence before this Committee. The list of annual salaries paid at present with the number of judges is as follows:

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| Supreme Court of Canada | |
| Chief Justice (1)..... | \$15,000 |
| Puisne Judges (6)..... | 12,000 |
| Provincial Superior Courts | |
| Chief Justice (18)..... | 10,000 |
| Puisne Judges (70) (about) | 9,000 |
| County Court Judges | |
| About 129 in all..... | 5,000 |

In addition, five of the Provinces pay each county court judge \$1,000, or \$1,500 of an additional salary for surrogate court work, but in the other four Provinces they get little or nothing more than the \$5,000.

All judges are allowed travelling expenses, \$6.00 per day in the country, and \$10 per day in the city, and a retiring allowance is available after the age of 75 is reached, of about two-thirds of their salary.

Their claims were briefly these: Society expected them to live up to a certain standard and their present salaries would not permit it. As no pension was paid to their widows, insurance had to be kept up.

They could not educate their children and keep up their libraries, join clubs, purchase automobiles and live up to the dignity of their positions. They pointed out that it was not the cost of living only but the change in the standard of living that caused them financial worry.

Judges in other countries received higher salaries than those in Canada.

Seven Not Convinced

Now, after hearing all the evidence, seven of us out of a Committee of fifteen were not convinced that good reasons had been given for the increase and every decision carried in Committee only on the Chairman's casting vote.

I had been on the Committee dealing with pension and returned soldier problems, and could not help but notice how much more valid, convincing and just their plea for increased pensions was.

Taking the index for the cost of living in 1913 at 100, we find that in 1920, when the judges' salaries were substantially increased, the index was at 190, and in 1928 it is down to 152. This includes

such things as food, fuel, lighting, rent, clothing and sundries.

Two of us on the Committee were in favor of trying to even up the salaries of the county court judges so they would receive about the same amount in each Province, but as this did not meet with favor, we were forced to vote against all increases.

We do not wish to have a class of people in Canada who live extravagantly and whose standards will be copied by others.

The salaries now are higher than those of college professors, ministers of the gospel, high school, model and normal school teachers, and others of similar attainments.

The security of their positions must be considered in fixing salaries.

The report of the Committee was to give the county and superior judges of the Provinces an increase of \$2,000 per annum and to give the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada \$3,000 of an increase. This would cost about three-quarters of a million per year.

A judgeship is attractive because it affords great opportunities for service to the people of the country. Canadian judges have lived up to the great traditions of the bench and occupy a high place in the estimation of all. I cannot believe that they will be held in higher respect if their salaries are increased.

Having in mind the many real needs of Canada at the present time and in consequence of the necessity for economy and careful trusteeship, and knowing the living conditions of many deserving and worthy people, I believe that the increases should not be granted at the present time.

Sincerely,

F. W. GERSHAW, M.P.

House of Commons, Ottawa.

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

Dear Sir:

After reading the article on high school education by Mr. Macklin, I would like to hear the opinion of some one in the Department of Education or a University professor on the question of teaching language in high school.

Mr. Macklin seems to have a grudge against Latin. Now to my mind Latin is the one language which should be taught in high school as it is the base of a good part of the English language and even a smattering of it is a great help in determining the significance of many of our uncommon words. I believe it is of more use and not nearly so complicated as the economic or political ideals of today.

I am not trying to start an argument, but Mr. Macklin's remarks are so adverse to what I think that I should like to have an expression from some other learned source.

Yours truly,

PROF. S. SMART,

Kitscoty, Alberta.

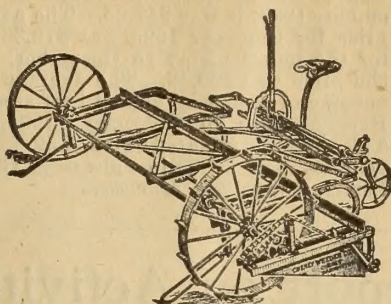
LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

Without attempting or being in position to attempt one word of comment, may I just state a fact? It concerns the farmers generally.

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urgent conditions at the time, no work may be done on the land on the Sabbath.

While this is so, and up to and including last Sunday, at all events, Baseball has been played Sunday after Sunday: and as a consequence, very much noise made practically under the windows of the General Hospital—usually full of patients, and within little more than a block of the Misericordia where the conditions are the same, and in the centre of a quiet neighborhood of private householders.

Faithfully yours,

J. W. D. TURNER,

9922, 111th Street, Edmonton, Alta.

COSTS OF PRODUCTION AND PRICES OF ARGENTINE CHILLED BEEF

"The cost of production of a chilled beef steer (Argentine) delivered to the freezing plant in 1927 was estimated at \$61.04. The average price per head of a chilled beef steer in November, 1927, was estimated at \$64.91, while in November, 1926, it was \$47.96. The average price for the year 1925 was \$72.38, and for the months May to December, 1924, the price was \$60.46. The average price per pound of special chilled beef steers at Buenos Aires in February, 1928, was 5.86 cents, compared with 5.52 for the year 1927, and 4.73 in February, 1926.—*Foreign Crops and Markets.*

WHEAT POOL RALLY

A Wheat Pool Rally will be held in the parish hall at Legal on Saturday, June 9th at 8 p.m. The speakers will be R.O. German, L. Jolys and L. Normandeau.

the company agrees to buy back must be bred by a boar which will be supplied by the company, and on which a service charge of \$2.50 will be made or said boar may be purchased by a farmer or group of farmers.

In April of this year, there were about 200 hogs in quarantine at Coutts awaiting distribution in Alberta. Officials who have inspected these consider them to be an inferior lot of hogs.

The scheme is economically unsound. It is a good one for the company, but not for the Alberta farmer and it will only work as long as farmers can be found to give \$100 for a \$30 animal and pay the freight to get it.

Mounted Police Report on Activities of Chester White Swine Company

What Investigation Into Operations in the United States Reveals—How a "Crimp" Was Put in Certain Activities by Exposure—The Lesson for Alberta Farmers

By S. G. FREEBORN

At the request of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have for some weeks past been engaged in investigating the operations in Western Canada of the Central United States Swine Company.

According to the police report, this company, whose headquarters are at Spokane, Wash., and who have another office at Salt Lake City, Utah, have been in operation since the latter part of 1923.

In July, 1927, articles of incorporation were filed under the Washington State laws. Authorized capital stock \$80,000; shares \$1; two officers of company in control of stock. At above mentioned date, assets showed \$106,890, liabilities \$100,390. Company's plan of operation at that time was to sell sows at \$95.00 a head with a guarantee to buy back all sows in the first two litters at \$35.00 a head, after same had reached the age of approximately six months and weighed around 150 pounds.

According to statement of Company on November 11th, 1927, assets \$4,000; cash \$25,000; notes \$30,000; accounts receivable \$20,000 in hogs, a total of \$79,000. Indebtedness shown was \$3,700, notes payable and \$1,000 open accounts, an apparent net worth of \$74,300.

This concern was registered at Edmonton, Alberta, under the Foreign Companies Act, Alberta, on March 27th, 1928, and have obtained a license pursuant to said registration to do business in the Province of Alberta, with Canadian Headquarters at Calgary, Alberta.

High Pressure Salesmanship

According to the report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police inquiries in the United States elicited the information that this Company, equipped with a crew of high-pressure salesmen, attempted to sell a breed of hogs known as Chester Whites in the Yakima Valley. Their proposition was to sell open gilts at \$85.00 each *sight unseen*; half the money in advance and the rest C.O.D., the Company agreeing to buy back all the sow pigs from the first two litters at a stated price—\$25.00 at that time, provided they weighed 125-135 lbs. at six months, and met the standard of the open gilt sold the farmer. No standards were given by the Company in writing. Gilts must be bred to the boars approved by the Company. This report goes on to

say that their contract is perfectly legal. It binds the farmer to pay for hogs ordered when he signs contract, *but does not bind the company to accept a single pig.* Furthermore, the salesmen offered contract in Yakima County stating verbally that "The company offices were in Spokane, Washington." *This is true, but the contracts had on them "headquarters Salt Lake City, Utah."* In other words, if the farmer went to law to force the company to keep their contract, he would be compelled to go to the Utah Courts, which would entail considerable time and money, for transportation and other expenses.

A few hogs were sold in both Yakima and Kittitas Counties, but according to the information available, up to last autumn *not a single pig had been bought back in either Yakima or Kittitas County.* It is also stated that in Kittitas County, it is reported that money had been paid for delivery of hogs which were never delivered.

Depends on Suckers

The American report goes on to say that "the scheme as you probably have discovered is the old 'chain swindle'." It will work as long as 'suckers' can be found to give \$100 for a \$30 animal and pay the freight to get it."

This company or parts of it have played this game in North and South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Montana.

American reports state that co-operation with the editors of the local papers with a vigorous exposure of the one-sided contract, extreme prices for average stock and so forth, put a serious crimp in the operations of this company in the Yakima Valley and they advise the warning of neighboring districts and Provinces concerning the activities of this Company.

An Alberta farmer who has already signed a contract states that the company's representative represented these hogs as Chester White bacon type sows and stated before witnesses that the company would buy all offspring of said sows, whether male or female, which would weigh 160 lbs. at six months old. The contract does not mention these as bacon type swine and provides to purchase only gilts of specified standards as per Clause 6 of the contract.

It is interesting to note that Clause 2 of the contract further binds the purchaser. By this clause the gilts which

George Hutton States Chester Whites Plan Will Be Opposed

All Parties Interested in Bacon Types Against Plan, States C. P. R. Superintendent

"I understand that representation is being made to prospective purchasers of Chester White sows by the agents of the Central United States Swine Company, that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company supports the breed of hogs being offered for sale," stated George H. Hutton, Superintendent of Agriculture and Animal Industry of the C.P.R., in an interview with *The U.F.A.*

"In January of 1926 two gentlemen called upon me to inquire my opinion as to the proposed organization of such a Company as has now been organized, and stated their intention of introducing in a large way the Chester White hogs under this particular plan of organization."

"These men were advised by me that efforts were being made to develop bacon type hogs in Western Canada, in which effort all parties interested in agriculture joined, and for that reason if they undertook to introduce the Chester White hogs into Western Canada under this plan, they could expect opposition from Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture and all parties interested in the development of bacon breeds in Canada."

DON'T WORRY

Methuselah ate what he found on the plate,

And never, as people do now,
Did he note the amount of the caloric count—

He ate it because it was chow.
He wasn't disturbed, as at dinner he sat,
Destroying a roast or a pie,
To think it was lacking in granular fat,
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